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THE Tory Party may hold a mass meeting of London members at Wembley Stadium to decide who will represent it in the conlest for the capital's mayor. Tories may be asked to select candidates from a shortlist drawn up by Conservative Central Office af-ter consultation with local associations. Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, is the London public's choice Page 8

Labour lampoon

TV COMPANIES are quening up to lam poon the Government, proving that Tony Blair's honeymoon is but a distant memory. The day after it was announced that Harry Enfield is planning a pastiche on Peter Mandelson for the BBC, TTV revealed that it has a satirical sitcom in the pipeline featuring three fictitious Labour MPs. Page 3

Buses for villages

ISOLATED rural communities in England are to get a fallom cash boost designed he bring back buses to village life, immisters will announce today. The Government is freen to promote public remsport in tural areas. Ministers point out that 20 per competitional households do not have cars. Pages 6.

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Business news

£25bn share losses

MORE than £25 billion was wiped off the value of leading UK shares yesterday as the FTSE tumbled by 140 points on worries that US interest rates could rise; The FTSE-100 share index closed at 5722.4, down:141.5 or 2.5 per cent. Financial stocks were among the heaviest losers, with Halifax down 44p at 787.5p. and Lloyds TSB down 36p to 901p. Page 21

Sports news

Rugby names delay

THE England rugby coach. Clive Woodward, has been forced to delay naming his tour party for the southern hemisphere by two weeks in order to give his ailing players time to regain full fitness. Woodward, who has to select 36 players for the tour which involves Test matches against South Africa, Australia. and New Zealand, had 14 players either definite non-starters or serious doubts at the last count. England's opponents have demanded that Woodward must do everything possible to ensure a full strength team. Sport, page 30



ANCin drive for peace in Ireland

SOUTH African government min- heen invited to point out the isters arrive in Belfast today in an pitfalls in complex political nego-African National Congress dele- tiations. gation which is part of a growing campaign to underpin the peace

While there was no official confirmation of the claim by Ian Pais. Insh conflict flew into the isolatley that visits to Northern-Ireland. ed De Hoop nature reserve in the were also being planned for mem- Western Cape for a three-day bein of the Royal Family before the gathering, organised by Irish-22 May referendim on the Good. American academic Patrick Friday agreement, it was clear last O'Malley and hosted by Mr Phosa might that an intensive drive is now - and Mr Ramaphosa. underway to win a Yes vote.

Africa's transformation-from and Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinapartheid to majority rule, two se-ness attended, it was not clear if Mandela's government, and the tarian divide. ANC's top lawyer are due to meet prisoners in the Maze.

A Sim Fein spokesman said problems had seemed intractable but "they achieved a breakthrough there and it looks like there might . be a breakthrough here as well". The spokesman said he was not aware if decommissioning of weapons had been singled out for discussion.

lawyer said last night: "We also had . our share of having to implement difficult resolutions and agreements during the transformation of our country, which involved governance and the issue of armed wings of liberation structures." The issue of political prisoners would be discussed with "all other political parties", said Mr Phosa, a guerrilla commander during the

liberation struggle. The ANC team will also visit Duhlin and address public meetings there and in Belfast. Sinn Fein insisted that the delegation had

The delegation's visit follows a bizarre Irish conference held in South Africa last May. Almost 30 representatives of all sides of the

Though the Ulster Unionists Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC David Trimble, the Democratic chief negotiator during South Unionist Party's Peter Robinson mor ministers in President Nelson they communicated across the sec-

 Meanwhile, the discovery of a body in a border area of the Irish Republic vesterday brought to a that the team would "bring a lot of " total of five the number who have experience of their own peace died in paramilitary shootings so and negotiating process". Like far this month. The killings have Northern Ireland's, South Africa's served as a reminder that some level of violence seems set to continue in the wake of the Good Friday agreement.

In Downing Street yesterday. Gerry Adams urged the Prime Minister to withdraw army patrols from the streets of Ulster. The meeting with Mr Blair was de-Matthew Phosa, the ANC scribed by Mr Adams as "constructive", although Government sources said that with the killing continuing in the province the troops would remain on patrol.

Mr Blair will visit Ulster at least twice before the referendum vote and discussions are continuing between the main parties for Mr Blair to share a platform with the Conservative leader William Hague and Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, to promote a



Thupten Ngodup, a Tibetan exile, burning after he set himself on fire yesterday in Delhi. The image is taken from amateur video. Ngodup was protesting against police moves to halt hunger strikers. He had 90 per cent burns to his body, and doctors at the hospital where he was taken said his chances for survival were slim Protest ends in flomes, page 14

Fine words, but no new cash as drugs crisis worsens

By Ian Burrell

THE Government announced yesterday that it would underwrite its new drugs prevention programme with no new public money, but by diverting a proportion of the £5m generated each year by confiscating the assets of drug dealers.

The money was dismissed as a 'non-reliable drop in the ocean" by some drugs organisations concerned that large numbers of drug treatment centres are overstreiched

and facing a crisis in funding. The long-awaited White Paper, Tackling Drugs To Build A Better Britain, unveiled by Ann Taylor. Leader of the House of Commons, contained no quick fixes to the drugs problem, but was designed as a "realistic" 10-year strategy. The programme includes giving

of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, was sceptical of the worth of using diverted drug dealing assets to fund treatment and education initiatives. "It might be £5m

this year, but it could be nothing next year," he said.

them from later experimentation

Ms Taylor told the Commons that encouraging progress was already being made in the war on drugs. She said: "There are some signals that levels of drugs misuse are relatively stable across England and Wales as a whole. This suggests that drug misuse is neither inevitably bound to increase nor irreversible."

Roger Howard, chief executive

The White Paper's pledge to in-

healthy lifestyle lessons to school- troducing new drug treatment and children as young as five, to dissuade testing orders to divert offenders from prison into treatment, could cost an estimated £40m alone.

The new strategy has been overseen by Keith Hellawell, the UK's Anti-Drugs co-ordinator, who has re-evaluated Britain's £1.4bn annual spending on tackling drugs problems in order to draw up realistic targets for the future. He said yesterday that the

drugs problem was costing Britain £4bn a year. "We must now shift our emphasis from reacting to the consequences of drug misuse to tackling its root causes," he said.

The strategy's first aim is to help young people resist drugs misuse. Specific targets will be set, including reducing the number of under-25s who report having used illegal drugs in the past month and

year, and reducing the number of under-25s using beroin.

The Government also wants to increase the level of knowledge among five- to 16-year-olds of the risks of drug misuse. But Mr Hellawell added: "We are not intending to talk to children of five years of age about crack cocaine and the paraphernalia associated with it."

Other key objectives include reducing the availability of drugs to five- to 16-year-olds and reducing levels of repeat offending among drug users. The Government is also anxious to ensure that young people have access to treatment programmes which are considered appropriate to their gender and race. Research in London, showing that one in four addicts was female, will be extended nation-wide.

inquest hears of 'shaken baby syndrome'

By Andrew Buncombe

THE six-month-old baby whose Anstralian nanny has been charged with harming her apparently died after being shaken, an inquest heard yesterday.

dence of haemorrhage in baby Caroline Jongen's brain and eyes, suggesting she had been the victim of "shaken baby syndrome".

ing up to six more weeks, were required before he could be certain of the cause of death, the initial findings were "highly suggestive".

Meanwhile, Louise Sullivan, Preliminary tests showed evi- the 26-year-old nanny, appeared in court yesterday and denied that she had injured the baby.

Pathologist Dr Freddy Patel on Caroline, who died a week ago said that while further tests, takafter spending four days on a lifesupport machine at Great Ormond Street Hospital. She was taken to hospital on the morning of 17 April from a house in north London.

Yesterday, Dr Patel said his post-mortem examination would not be complete until he had carried out chemical tests on the Dr Patel was giving evidence at baby's brain, eyes and spinal cord.

Pancras coroner: "On initial examination, there was no evidence of any marks of violence externally.

orrhaging in the brain and eyes a combination highly suggestive of shaken baby syndrome. Dr Patel said be would be con-

sulting other specialists before the formal opening into the inquest But he told Stephen Chan, the St of death. He said that, our bodily barm with intent.

provisionally, be would attribute cause of death to commotio cerebri, an internal cranial catastrophe, adding: "I must try to find out what "There was evidence of haemcaused it."

> The inquest was adjourned for 28 days and the baby's body was released for burial.

Miss Sullivan's bail was renewmaking his final report to ensure ed yesterday after she pleaded not there was no other possible cause guilty to a charge of causing griev-



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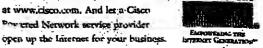
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End troop patrols, Adams tells Blair

By Colin Brown and David McKittrick

GERRY ADAMS urged Tony Blair to withdraw Army patrols from the streets of Ulster yesterday at their first meeting since the Good Friday peace

The Prime Minister told the Sinn Fein president the agreement was the "best opportunity for decades for peace in Northern Ireland which the people of Northern Ireland want.

Meanwhile, the discovery of a body in a border area of the Irish Republic vesterday brought to a total of five the number who have died in paramilitary shootings so far this month. The killings have served as a reminder that some level of violence seems set to continue in the wake of the Good Friday agreement.

Speaking after the Downing Street meeting, Mr Adams complained that he had had to go through two security roadblocks in Belfast and that nationalists were being harassed

Royal Ulster Constabulary.

to be disbanded, which was firmly rejected later by Downing Street officials, although they pointed out that a review of policing in the Province was part of the agreement. The hour-long meeting with

Mr Blair and a further 20 minutes with Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was described by Mr Adams as "constructive" although government sources said that with the killing continuing in the Province, the troops would remain on patrol.

Privately. Mr Adams was concerned by the size of the no vote in the referendum on 22 May, and Sinn Fein regarded recent alleged leaks by Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, as a concerted attempt to destabilise the peace settlement.

Government sources later rugged off claims by Mr Paisley that three members of the



lance: Sinn Fein councillor Gerry Kelly with a bugging device found at his home at the weekend

ster before the referendum. "We are not organising it, but we would not say anything in advance for security reasons," said one Whitehall source.

Mr Blair will go to Northern Ireland twice before the referendum, and Tory sources confirmed last night that the plans were still progressing for a Royal Family will be visiting UI- joint campaign platform with Mr Blair covering demilitari-

William Hague, the Tory leader, and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader:

Mr Adams refused to make any commitment hut he appeared hopeful that his party conference on 10 May will endorse his leadership to go for a "ves" campaign, in spite of the issues raised yesterday with

sation, and the development of the Irish language in Ulster.

The latest Ulster killing came to light when a member. of the public spotted a body, wrapped in plastic sheeting, 200 yards away from the border near the Co Lough village

Although there was no admission of IRA responsibility

stances were in some ways similar to those of IRA killings of alleged informers in the past.

In another development, Sinn Fein produced video footage of what it claimed was an ingenious bugging device said to have been found in the home of a relative of Gerry Kel-

Troops cleared in gun club case

AN SAS corporal and another élite soldier who admitted unwittingly arranging illegal "antiterrorist" courses for members of the fashionable Mayfair gun club because of Army confusion about the law, were shown mercy yesterday.

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Southwark Crown Court judge Peter Fingret told the "gallant" pair - known only as X and Y for "national security reasons" - that he was giving them an absolute discharge even though they had pleaded guilty to allowing members of the public use an array of powerful weaponry

He hoped this would go. some way towards "redressing" the suffering of former SAS man X, who was forced to leave the Army through no real fault of his own, and Y, a decorated one-time member of the Parachute ' Pathfinder Platoon, who has since been transferred to another unit.

"The two of them had appeared here following misunderstanding by and confusion within the Army and Ministry of Defence as to the facilities. available to the public, that confusion now having been remedied by an Act of Partiament," said the judge.

The court earlier heard the Army's ignorance of the law had allowed Manchester United footballers and England and Wales rugby players to fire "probibited" weapons while the union movement wasat the SAS's base at Here-

The judge said that while X and Y each admitted two "strict liability" offences under the Firearms Act of possessing and transferring assault rilles occasions at Aldershot base in 1996, he was satisfied "no moral culpability attaches to either of

Quite possibly. It is not the

Downing Street talks on union rights at work reach deadlock

By Barrie Clements

CRITICAL talks hetween the Prime Minister and union leaders over future of Jahour relations in Britain yesterday

As a result of the impasse. the TUC scrapped a conference scheduled for 6 May which was due to discuss the contents of the Fairness at Bork White Paper.

tives that if there is no Government document by the end of the May, there is unlikely to he legislation giving new workers' rights in the next Parliamentary session. The Government's promise of new employment law was central to the union movement's support hefore the general election.

terday interpreted the delay as evidence that the Government

of trade unionists. However, more cynical observers believed that it was a tactic to ensure that the White Paper would find no place in the Queen's Speech next autumn

One of the most problematical issues is a proposed law on union recognition. While union members interpret the Lahour Party manifesto to mean that collective bargaining should be hacked by law where

was listening to the arguments a majority of workers vote for it in a ballot, the PM's office is calling for a more stringent test of support.

> 40 per cent of the relevant workforce should endorse collective bargaining before it is granted, not just a simple majority of those voting in a ballot.

> While union leaders yesterday told Tony Blair that the TUC was prepared to countenance a figure of 30 per cent.

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they came away from Downing Street yesterday with the impression there was no room for compromise.

Mr Blair said he was prepared to meet the six-strong "inner circle" of trade unionists again in two weeks time.

It was made clear to employees representatives that while the White Paper would deal with a range of rights at the workplace, its contents has not

prepared to be flexible over union recognition, there was a limit to their enthusiasm for The TUC leader said there

John Monks, General Sec-retary of the TUC, said that

was considerable support for. the union stance on the Government's back benebes and in the country. "We have been more than reasonable. We have no more moves up our sleeves."

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Eric Sutherland. He wrote:

"Although now 75, I am a very

keen scuba diver and I was

thoroughly frustrated recently

by the paucity of hammerhead

sharks both in the Galapagos

and Sea of Cortez, due to El

Niño." He went on to mention

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warm water per se that is keeping the sharks away. Sharks eat fish and seals (and sometimes, it must be said, scuha divers). Fish and scals eat smaller fish, and they m turn eat plankton. Plankton depend on the nutrients brought up by cold polar waters, and it is the lack of these nutrients that has had such a dramatic effect on the aquatic food chain in the east Pacific. quence of El Niño has been If El Niño is indeed replaced by La Niña later this year, surface temperatures in the places to which Mr Sutherland. refers could drop several degrees, the plankton would be hack and so would the sharks. which apparently appear in shoals consisting of hundreds

> submerged seamount, a few miles off the coast of La Paz, in Mexico's Baja California. I am off to this part of the world in a few days time, and will be able to see for myself. whether the sharks are indeed showing signs of a comeback. Though I'm not sure quite how closely I will want to investigate the matter.

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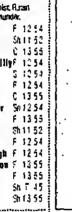
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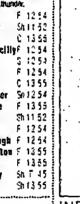
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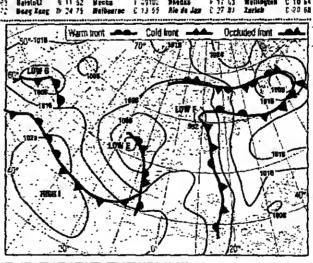
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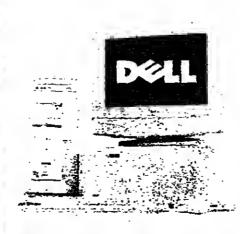
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Tehran lifts veil from the spy who never was

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Iranian embassy confirmed that arrested when, having travelled

filming in Kurdistan. He was McCoy British spy at such short ago almost everything else about notice, they created a cut-cut. Yesterday afternoon the For-and-keep one instead eign Office was still chasing up In a burlesque version of a tit—the alleged Mr Gavin. But the minister, Mr Kharrazi, "He was gramme about the plight of

dam Hussein's forces in Halabja IO years ago. When he visited

a Tehran hospital, without a making films about the Middle camera crew, to set up later interviews, he was picked up and taken away for questioning by se-

curity officials. He was quickly released. however, and granted official permission for his film, regarding the continued plight of Kurds who were gassed by Iraqi forces known spy.

those who were gassed by Sad- in the town of Halabja 10 years

East for the past 20 years, gained permission both from the Ministry of Islamic Guidance (the journalists' minders) and from the authority responsible for border security. It does not seem likely that such permission would have been granted to a

He emphasised vesterday that he had not filmed in off-limits military areas. "I've been in the business long enough to know you don't do that. It would

be absolutely crazy."
The Foreign Office said that it was "continuing to press for the facts". A spokesman described as "pure speculation" the suggestion that Iran had been riled by Mr Cook's speech, and had decided to hit back.

Roberts' film - which has been widely shown in the Middle East in recent weeks - should have angered the authorities in would willingly go to Iran ' to discuss the whole matter -- they've made a serious mistake".

Branagh deeply serious - for all of 20 minutes

Arts News Editor

ONE OF the most significant British movies of the year started shooting yesterday. It had a starry cast, a deeply serious intent, and was all of 20 minutes long.

Paul McGann, Kenneth Branagh and Sam West will have a few minutes screentime each in The Dance of Shiva, with a host of Oscar-winning British talent on the other side of the camera. And, while they shoot The Dance of Shiva, which describes the untold story of Indian troops in the First World War, a fly-on-the wall doc-umentary team will film them at

Cinematographer Jack Cardiff, now in his eighties, won an Oscar for four, for Lawrence of Arabia, Dr Zhivugo, Oliver and Nicholas and

itor Julian Doyle on Brazil, All have release. agreed to make the film for little or

The coming together of such a crew led to a day of swapping anecdotes as well as film production - Jack Cardiff, who worked on The African Queen, recounting how everyone on the set got dysentery except for the director Bogart: the reason, it emerged, was 'passionate about film education. 'vey to the next generation.



Black Narcissus back in the Forties, On the set: Main picture, Kenneth Branigh talking to production designer John Box during the making of The Dance of Shive, which was and production designer John Box has recorded by a fly-on-the-wall documentary team. Below, Paul McGann being filmed in his role as chaplin

that the two of them only drank. He is working for no pay at all. Mc-

Costume designer Inlie Harris ... Both yesterday's 20-minute film . & I. already has a strong following worked on Rollerball, sound recordist. and the documentary are intended among film students. He fulfills John Mitchell on The 39 Steps and ed- for film festival, video and television Dame Judi Dench's recent exhorta-

The producer and director Jamie no money to pass on their enthusiasm. Payne, who came up with the idea, said: "Not everyone has the opportunity or desire to go to film school. The recent success of Shane Meadows and Quentin Tarantino is testament to the fact that there are other

ways to become a film-maker." According to the producers, Paul

Gann, star of the cult film Withnail tion to actors to keep a sense of

On his sideboard is a copy of the memoirs of the great British director Michael Powell, which has been dedicated by his widow, the film editor Thelma Schoonmaker, to Me-Gann, who knows not to give it all

That is one of the lessons he and John Huston and star Humphrey McGann, who plays a chaplain, is his colleagues will be hoping to con-



TV sitcom to lampoon Labour MPs

By Paul McCann

Media Editor TELEVISION companies are queuing up to lampoon the Labour government, proving that Tony Blair's honeymoon is hut a distant memory. The day after it was announced that Harry Enfield is planning a pastiche on Peter Mandelson for the BBC, ITV revealed that it has a satirical siteom in the pipeline featuring three fictitious Labour MPs.

ITV wants Birds Of A Feuilier star, Pauline Quirke, to play a character hased on Clare Short in the programme. The broadcaster is debating whether to call it New Labour New Sitcom, or On Message.

The Clare Short character is a traditional Old Labour leftwinger who played along with Tony Blair's changes to the party before the election, but is now disappointed at the Government's cautious approach to

She shares a flat with two other back benchers, one hased on Michael Foot, who ITV wants to be played by Peter O Toole, and a young ambitious

everything the party tells bim. The sitcom is heing written by political journalist and broadcaster Simon Hoggart and is be-

ing a satire boom." the example of Drop The Dead Donkey by being filmed in the week of transmission so it can include topical references and

You don't have to be French to shop in Calais.

LWT also revealed at the Montreux Television Festival that it had been planning a special World Cup game show. Best of Enemies, that would have featured the English football squad competing against the German team to answer questions on football trivia.

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However, the German national team pulled out last week and a spokesman said Germany did not consider England an enemy. Instead, the Germans said, they wanted to take on the Dutch. As well as the present squad the show was set to star Geoff Hurst, scorer of the winning goal in the 1966 World Cup

In more innocent times the Blanken-Blank cheque book and pen was enough to excite the contestants of your average television quiz show. But in a sign of the avaricious times ITV has announced plans for the world's first £1m quiz show.

Titled. Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, the show resembles Twenn-One, the Fifties American programme that was the inspiration for the movie Quiz Show. The programme is the logical culmination of years Blair loyalist who believes of prize-giving inflation and the heightened appetite for free money created by the National Lottery.

Before the 1990 Broading made by London Weekend custing Act the most anyone Television for the ITV network. could win was £5,000 cash, and "It is a cross between Hot Met- total prize money for a show al and Yes, Minister," said Mar- could not exceed £6,000, Instead cus Plantin, director of television companies gave away programmes at LWT. "It shows cars and holidays to get around that the honeymoon is over the restrictions. Since the limand that the government is fac- it was lifted, show prizes have progressively spiralled first to The programme will follow £10,000, then £20,000 and recently to £100,000.

> Now Camelot, through the BBC, also gives winners on The National Lottery Big Ticker show £100,000.

First three months of 1998 warmest period on record

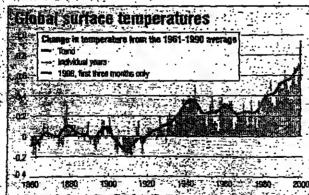
By Michael McCarthy **Environment Correspondent**

JANUARY, February and March this year were the warmest three-month period ever recorded for the world, new British figures reveal. The global average temperature for the quarter was well over half a degree higher than normal. The figures will give further

credence to the belief that globel warming caused by industrial exhaust gases such as carbon dioxide is inexorably changing the world's climate. The rise indicates that 1998. as a whole will be extremely

warm, and perhaps warmer years, which are 1997, 1995

However, soaring temperatures in the Southern Hemi- ature record, which goes back the years 1961 to 1990.



the average for the year as a than the three previous warmest; whole may fall back if and when the El Nino effect declines

The global surface temper-

phere summer, helped by the to 1860 and is maintained at the Met Office's Hadley Centre have pushed the figure up, and for Climate Prediction and Research in Bracknell, Berks, now shows that the first three months of 1998 were 0.6C above the global mean, which is the average temperature of.

This makes these months both the warmest January, February and March ever recorded, and also the warmest of any three-month period since the records began.

This year's first quarter was also Britain's second warmest winter on record, 2.4C above the average, surpassed in the Central England Temperature record - which goes hack to 1659 - only by 1990.

"This year is likely to be very warm but not necessarily the wannest because the El Nino effect may weaken later on," said Briony Horton, manager of the Hadley Centre's global data archive, "But the temperature anomaly for the first three months is certainly very large."

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£9m loan for Rod Stewart in royalties deal

By Andrew Buncombe

THE man who once thrust his satin-clad crotch at his admiring tans and demanded to know moved into the more sanitised world of securitised loans.

Rod Stewart, for some one of the finest white rock voices vator, is merely following a of a generation, has clinched a £9.2m securitised to an based on the future revalities of his songs. in short, this means he is receiving now the royalties he

Many people who sang cause the basis for future in- Stewarts' record company said long to songs such as "Maggie come is the notoriously fickle Mey" and "Sailing" back in the Seventies will undoubtedly find the thought of Rod Stewart en-"Do ya think I'm sexy?", has tering the world of corporate fi-

nance slightly strange. But Mr Stewart, 53, who once was considered something of an innotrend: last year David Bowie raised around £35m in a similar record-making deal.

While such deals are good for the person receiving the would receive over the coming loan it is slightly more risky for the bank issuing the bonds, be-

public taste. However it seems that se-

curitisation, already hig in the United States, is set to be increasingly common. Following David Bowie's deal, a number of US banks had reportedly been trying to persuade other musicians to take up similar deals. Other big names from the world of popular music said to be considering deals include Pink Floyd, Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones and Dire Straits.

A spokeswoman for Mr

she was not aware of the details of the deal, but did not think he had any particular need for the money. The loan has been made by Nomura Capital, a Japanese hanking group, who has been working on the deal for several months.

"We see this as an important transaction because the Rod Stewart music catalogue is of global renown," said the company's executive vice president of entertainment finance, Neil

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Girl visited paedophile in 'secure' hospital

A GIRL of eight frolicked with a convicted paedophile sometimes dressed only in her knickers during visits to a high security hospital, an inquiry into one of its units heard yesterday.

The child made a number of unsupervised visits to the ward with her lather, a former patiem, and would play in the garcrimes against young girls, it was elaimed.

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Stephen Daggett, who was a patient in the Personality Disorder Unit (PDU) of Ashworth special Hospital on Merseyside, told the inquiry into its running that he "blow the whistle" because of his concerns about the girl's visits. He had also been allegations about the PDU. worried about the availability of drugs, alcohol and pernography,

Daggett, who was found guilty in 1984 of sexually assaulting girls, told the third and

final sitting of the inquiry at tee which began its work last Knutsford Crown Court. Cheshire, that the girl, Child A. would go with Peter Hemming into unsupervised areas of Lawrence Ward.

Hemming, described by John Royce, QC, counsel for the inquiry, as a man with a "history of paedophilia with den with a man convicted of sex young girls", was a fellow patient of Daggett's on Lawrence Ward in the PDU where Daggett stayed from 1993 until be absconded in September 1996 during a lone escort shopping trip to Liverpool.

During his time on the run, some of which was spent in Holland. Daggett began making his

After his return in October 1996 he wrote a document enjitled Ashworth Hospital - My Concerns, which has been sub-

February. He said his running away had been carefully planned and was a protest against his treatment and the 'cnvironment" of the unit and the activities there.

It was those concerns that had led him to write the document which resulted in the current inquiry chaired hy Judge Peter Fallon, OC.

Daggett said that during her visits had seen Child A dressed only in her knickers "three or four times". He had witnessed her playing games in the garden with Hemming games that he did not believe to be "for the child's benefit".

Daggett, now a patient at Rampton special hospital, said he had also seen photographs of Child A in Hemming's room. In the pictures she was dressed school uniform, he said. He believed the girl's father had been given money by Hemming for his contact with her.

However, under cross-examination by Philip Engelmon. counsel for the Royal College of Nursing, Daggett said he had never witnessed sexual activity taking place hetween Child A and Hemming.
The inquiry was ordered by

former Secretary of State for Health Stephen Dorrell following Daggett's claims. The hearing continues today. Five prison officers were in-

jured when more than 30 prisoners took control of part of a joil, damaging furniture and windows, it emerged yesterday.

Prison staff at Full Sutton. Humberside, have regained control after 32 inmates in D wing began rioting. Five prison



Down the Tube: Graeme Garden, Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor sitting on a bench at the reopen ing of Mornington Crescent, the Northern Line Tube station they made famous in a Radio 4 quiz Photograph: Andrew Busman

mitted to the inquiry commitin pink pyjamas and in her

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Lawrence murder 'not racial'

By Kathy Marks

A DETECTIVE who investigated the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence vesterday dismissed the idea that it was racially motivated. saying his attackers had been out to kill someone, regardless of colour.

Former detective sergeant John Davidson told the public inquiry into Stephen's death that the five suspects, members of a white gang, had been linked to violent assaults on two white youths. "This was not racism, this was pure, bloodyminded thinggery. Stephen would have been killed had he been black, white, green, blue or yellow. They picked on him because he was there, not for any other reason."

Stephen, 18, was stabbed at a bus stop in Eltham, south-east London, in 1993. The inquiry is examining whether racism hindered the investigation. At the Old Bailey in 1996, Neil Acourt, Gary Dobson and Luke Knight were acquitted of killing Acourt, Neil's hrother, and David Norris were dropped at an earlier stage. Mr Davidson, who retired

last mouth, was accused by Michael Mansfield, QC. for the Lawrence family, of writ-

ing off" a number of important. witnesses and "queering the pitch" in relation to local teenagers who knew the suspects. "I completely and utterly disagree with you." he said. No one would give evidence against these lads; they were frightened of them."

Questioned hy Jeremy Gompertz, QC, for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Mr Davidson said that later. when he was in the South-East Regional Crime Squad, he arrested Norris's father, Clifford. who was wanted by Customs. He was later tried and con-

Mr Davidson said he did not know the families of any of the suspects when he joined the Lawrence investigation.

"So if it be suggested in any shape or form that you held back deliberately for corrupt reasons, what do you say about that?" Mr Gompertz asked. "I refute it completely," he replied.

Cross-examined by Mr Mansfield, Mr Davidson said he Stephen. Charges against Jamie found a diary kept by Michelic Casserley, a friend of the suspects, during a search of her home. In it, she had written: "Acourts stabbed black boy up Well Hall Road. Jamie and Neil. Gary, David, Lukic."

The inquiry continues today.

Parental choice warning

MINISTERS yesterday told local nuthorities that they must not cut class sizes by taking children out of popular schools to fill places in unpopular ones.

They sent out new guidelines as part of their pledge to reduce all infant class sizes helow 30.

Critics have said that the policy will threaten parental choice because schools will have to turn children away from popular schools when class sizes reach 30. But the guidelines say "where extra places are needed they should be created in popular, over-subscribed schools with high standards".

Driver denies food bug link

A DRIVER who delivered meat to a church lunch in Wishaw, Lanarkshire, which has been linked to the poisoning of pensioners, denied turning off a refrigerator to listen to his radio, a fatal accident inquiry heard yesterday.

Ronald Holloway, from Wishaw, also said he had no formal hygiene training during the years he had worked for John M Barr and Son, the hutcher's shop which was linked to the world's worst E. coli outbreak. He was giving evidence to the inquiry into the food poisoning which claimed the lives of 21elderly people in 1996 and 97. The Motherwell hearing is expected to last three months.

HIV tests in pregnancy

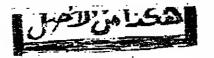
PREGNANT women should be offered HIV tests to help protect their bahies from infection, a report said vesterday.

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Public Health Laboratories Service said tests should be available in all ante-natal clinics. About 300 habies are born HIV positive in the UK each year and a majority of the mothers were unaware they had the virus.

Collymore cleared of assault

FOOTBALLER Stan Collymore was resterday found not guilty of punching his ex-girlfriend during a row over access to their son. England and Aston Villa striker Collymore hugged his agent when magistrates in Cannock, Staffordshire returned after an hour's deliberation to acquit him. Magistrates chairman Rosemary Taylor told the player: "We find there is reasonable doubt and therefore find you not guilty. You are free to go."

The soccer star had denied a charge of common assault on Michelle Green, 23, on 22 December last year. It was alleged that an argument had developed during a discussion about Collymore's access to his son Thomas - now two - over-Christmas.



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A rose by any other name ...

PERHAPS William Hague is more Shakespearean in character than Pandora had previously believed. The Liberal Democrat News has just published an account of the recent 175th anniversary dinner of the Oxford Union which casts a new, possibly darker light on Young William.

An informant overheard solicitor Philip Goldenberg asking another returning Union member if he recalled a tribunal of inquiry into possible misdeeds during a long-ago Union election. On hell, yes I do, said William Hague, who had appeared as an "alleged miscreant" before the other man. "When you were running for public office last year," continued Goldenberg, "Tvery nearly wrote to The Independent pointing out that, while you appeared before me, you did not feature in my judgment; and that I was forced into concluding either that you were as pure as the driven snow, or that you had a pretty good capacity to work through a heap of shit and come out smelling of roses." Hague reportedly found this very funny. Still, Richard III he's not.

Model temper flares again

NAOMI CAMPBELL is upset, once again, with American fashim magazines for not featuring enough black women on their covers. Last July, Anna Wintour, editor of



American Vogue, admitted that skin colour dramatically affects ewsstand sales". Campbell was upset last week with Harper's Bazaar which failed to put her on the cover of the issue which featured a ... Cuban fashion shoot - one Naomi berself had arranged with Kate Moss. Does British Vogue rate any better? Pandora's inquiry . revealed that Naomi (left) has appeared ou four Brit

Vogue covers, most recently in January. On the other hand, Nanmi has been one of the world's top models for almost a decade and four covers doesn't exactly mean we're colour blind over here.

Euro currency for US crime

CRIME pays and - it's now official - America reaps the benclits. US economists are worried that the curo may prove too popular with international criminals, and, as a result, cost the US Treasury billions, according to yesterday's New York Times.

Apparently, the US beoefits to the troe of \$28bo every year from having \$400bo in circulation: Since America is now in many respects a "cash-less" society, it's obvious that mountains of the "greenbacks" find a home within the vast uoderground global criminal economy. The largest US note in circulation is \$100, while there are plans to issue curo notes equivalent to \$220 and \$550. According to one nervous Princeton economist. You'll be able to smuggle a million in or out of the country in a purse instead of a suitcase." Faced with this new competition. Pandora predicts the Yanks will sooo issue new crime-friendly large bills. Richard "I am not a crook" Nixon might make a futing presidential face for a \$500 note.

Wasted words of wisdom 🧼

SADLY, Pandora must conclude that a silver tongue is not a requirement for debating in the House of Commons. Matthew Taylor, Lib Dem MP for Truco, recently made

this clear when he asked the Secretary of State for the. Environment, "for what reason the UK delegation to the 10th session of the negotiations for a UNECE Commission for Europe Convention concerning public participation in environmental decision-making did not support a proposal to provide for public participation in transfrontier movements of radioactive waste?".

After days of effort, Pandora has managed to decipher this question. Taylor is asking why Britain refused to back a UN proposal that governments should tell their citizens before bringing daogerous radioactive waste into the country. In view of last week's shipment of Georgian nuclear waste to Donnreay, revealed to the British people by the New York Times, Pandora thinks this was a reasonable question, unfortunately expressed.

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DAILY POEM

A journal of Three Questions

By Charles Wright

Rees at the six-pointed junkweed blooms. Ants on the move on the undersides

and down the stems lmo a vást, prehensile darkness

mound the roots of the wheat grass and the violets.

Who was it first recognised the beginning of the end? How many miles exist between the light and the dark When light and dark are obscured?

Bees and any are mean creatures, their powers pervasive.

This poem comes from Zone Journals, the latest collection by Charles Wright, who has won this year's Pulitzer Prize for pocity. Zone Journals is published (price £7.95) by Stride Pubseations at 11 Salvan Road, Exeter EX4 6EW.



Solving the secret of children's pain

CHILDREN are suffering needlessly because doctors do not know how to treat their pain, specialists said

Little is known about the biology of children's nervous systems or how they respond to drugs. As a result children are denied powerful pain killers because of fears that they may do more harm than good.

Launching the world's first children's pain research centre at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street Professor Al Aynsley-Green, director of clinical research and development, said until 10 years ago young babies and infants were thought to be unable to perceive pain. Now treatment of pain was recognised to speed recovery from disease but anecdotal reports suggested children were still not humanely treated everywhere.

There was no lack of compassion but there was a pre-occupation with survival at any cost and there was concern that powerful analgesics might be damaging," he said.

The centre, backed with £500,000 from the charity, Children Nationwide.

the efficiency of existing ones. It is six years of research.

will develop new treatments and assess tions underlay doctors approach to not due to inhumanity and lack of care childhood pain: that infants did not feel seeking a total of £1m to fund the first it as adults did; that they did not remember it, and that they might become Maria Fitzgorald, professor of neu- addicted to pain-relieving drugs such rodevelopmental biology at University as morphine. All three were wrong but College London, said three assump- attitudes were slow to change. "It is painkillers at some point during the

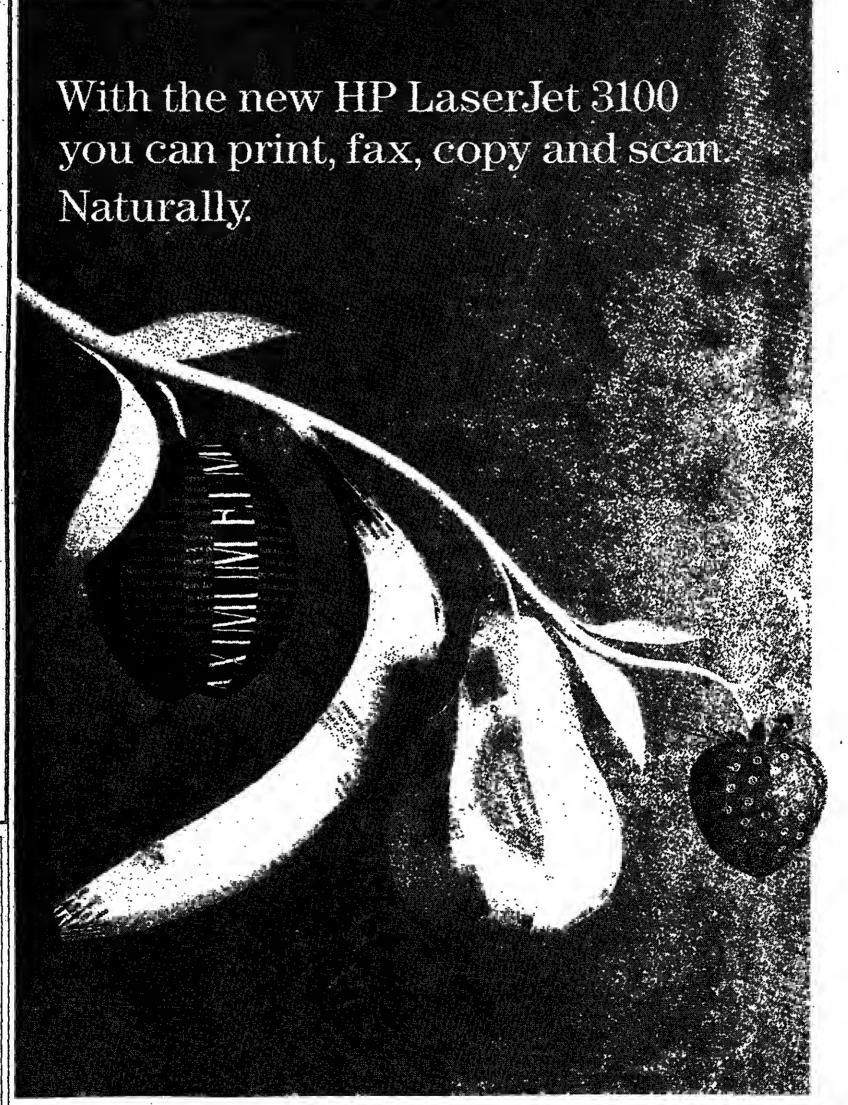
but because there is a lack of infor-

Dr Ann Goldman, consultant in palliative care, said two thirds of children with cancer would need powerful administering her own pain relief Photograph: Rui Xavier

course of their treatment but it was wrong to regard them as small adults. Studies showed that children under seven metabolised morphine and cleared it from their bodies more quickly than children over nine, suggesting that younger children might need higger or more frequent doses than older ones.

Children as young as five were heing given control of their own pain relief, by pressing a button which delivered another shot of the drug through a drip into their arm. The machine is set so that they cannot overdose but the psychological effect of being in control added to the pharmacological effect of the drugs.

Dr Kevin Murray, consultant, rheumatologist said children were routinely excluded from drug trials so fewer drugs were available for them than for adults. In the US, new regulations now required researchers to explain if they were excluding children. "We cannot wait 10 or 12 years to see if the drugs work inadults before we can see if they work in children. Dr Murray said.



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Animal feed firms deny causing BSE

By Charles Arthur Science and Technology Editor

ANIMAL feed manufacturers yesterday denied responsibility for the BSE epidemic, and claimed that their reluctance to tell farmers that they were turning cattle into cannibals was necessary for commercial success.

In evidence to the BSE inquiry in London, representatives of animal feed mills asserted that the idea that infected cattle feed caused bovine spongiform encepalopathy (BSE) is still formally untested.

"It's a hypothesis, and we would certainly like to know what the real reason is," said Peter Sanderson, quality assurance manager for the feed makers BOCOM Pauls.

Jim Reed. director-general of the UK Agricultural Supply Trade Association, which includes about 100 feed makers. said: "We would like to be certain, rather than working - like everybody else - on theories."

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company representatives painted a picture in which the postwar dairy farming community engaged in a "dash for growth", trying to produce more milk from faster-maturing cattle: between 1973 and 1983, average cow milk yields increased

by 25 per cent.
This followed the use of cluding "meat and bone meal" (MBM) made by rendering ended the epidemic. companies from leftover parts, such as the head and bones, taken from abattoirs. The parts were heated under pressure to remove moisture and fat, leaving solids - MBM - which could have come from cattle or sheep.

MBM has been used in animal feed for 90 years, feed companies said, without any ill-effects until the advent of BSE. Helen Raine, of J Bibby Agriculture, said that though tests for pathogens were carried out on supply samples, "it's always the case that you don't test for things

Under questioning, the feed that you're not aware of." There their formulations being 'stolen' is still no simple test for BSE infectivity in any material.

The idea that BSE was spread by infected animal feed emerged from government scientists' early studies of the epidemic - and is strengthened by the fact that regulations introduced in 1989, hanning the use of highly infective tissues high-protein supplements in- such as hrain and spinal cord to make cattle feed, has virtually

> The National Farmers' Union challenged the feed manufacturers. in written evidence from Ben Gill, the NFU president. He said that members had wanted more information about what they were feeding their cattle.

The NFU does not accept the arguments of difficulty in providing precise lists of ingredients," said Mr Gill. "Farmers did not accept that a simple declaration of the material ingredients would expose the [feed manufacturer] to risk of

by their competitors."

But Mr Reed said it was not feasible to provide labels detailing exact proportions of MBM and other ingredients. because their computer technology only improved that far in the early 1990s - just in time for a 1992 EU directive making labelling obligatory.

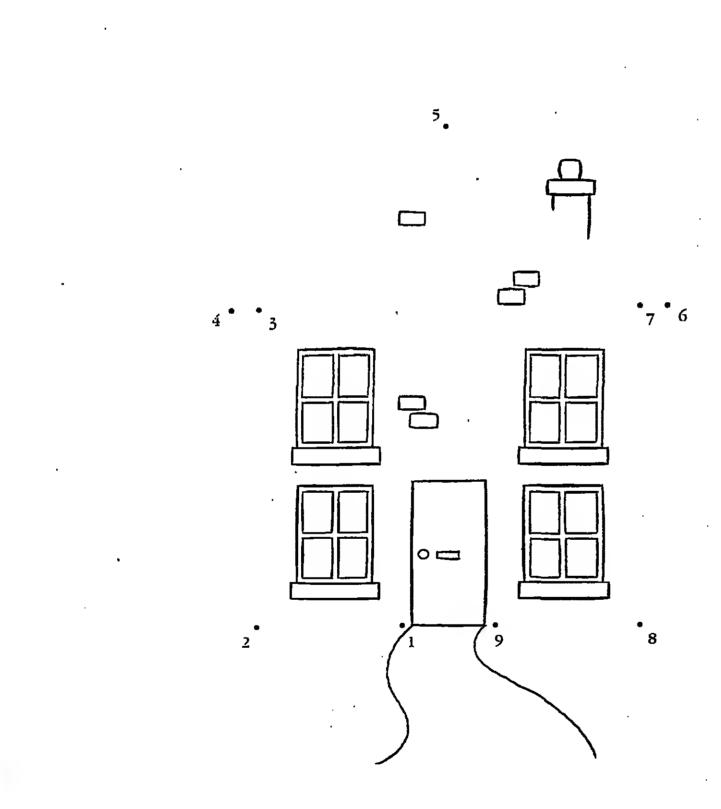
Feed companies could not have distinguished whether MBM came originally from cows or sheep, since both passed through the rendering process and were delivered as "MBM". Companies also kept trying different compositions of feed to try to create food that would make cows gain weight faster. Mr Reed added: "Small

feed companies were always in a competitive market. The NFU might dismiss that as irrelevant in the long term. But to a company that thought one ingredient or another might give it a commercial edge, it was very important at the time."



Swan song: Dancer Anna Pavlova with Jack in 1927, from The Face in the Corner, a new book by Robin Gibson of pictures of celebrities and their pets, selected from the National Portrait Gallery in London

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£40m boost to revive rural bus services

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

ISOLATED rural communities in England are to get a £40m cash boost designed to hring back buses to village life, ministers will announce today.

The Government says it is keen to promote public transport in rural areas. Ministers point. out that three-quarters of countryside parishes have no daily bus. service while 20 per cent of rural households do not have a car.

Getting the largest chunk of the money available are nine of the "most rural" counties in England. (defined as those with the most countryside villages with fewer than 3,000 inhabitants). Those authorities which will double their bus subsidies include Suffolk, North Yorkshire and Kent.

The money will make a substantial difference. In Norfolk, where nearly 300,000 people live vices are allocated about £1.25m a year. This will be closer to £3m after the handout.

Somerset will see a 200 per cent increase in funding for hus services. Coruwall, the poorest region in the country, has 224,000 rural residents, who will see the benefits of an extra £1m in subsidy.

Gavin Strang, the transport minister, will point out that the Government is trying to reverse the decline in bus patronage. He will tell trade unionists at a conference today that the number of parishes without any busiservices

has gone up from 14 to 22 per cent since 1991". In his speech, Mr Strang is to highlight how poverty can he alleviated by improved transport links.

Bus trips have been cut as local authorities' budgets have been squeezed by successive governments. Bus companies yesterday said they were "very pleased" to hear extra money



In Lincolnshire, ministers will more than double the bus budget. "At present we get about £800,000 a year," said Paul Hill, managing director of . Lincolnshire RoadCar - the county's largest hus company. ... "With an extra film pounds we will be looking at a much im-

proved service." Mr Hill said that many communities were cut off from large shopping developments in the region. "Especially on a Sunday. when there is little or no money for huses," he added.

Single-gene clue to the cause of cancer

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

A SINGLE gene may have a major role in protecting people exposed to carcinogens from developing cancer, scientists said yesterday. Researchers in three centres in Scotland who studied the gene said it could explain why some people who smoke develop cancer while

Roland Wolf, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's molecular pharmacology unit at Ninewells hospital, Dundee, said: "It has long been known that our bodies contain factors which determine our sensitivity to cancer-causing chemicals. Now we have shown for the first time that a single gene could be profoundly important in protecting us against cancer. That is good news, because it is easier to manipulate one gene than many."

The researchers did experiments on mice in which a gene known to be active in the detoxification of cancer-causing chemicals was deleted. When chemicals derived from tobacco smoke were applied to their

skin, the mice with the deleted gene developed tumours. "You take out the gene and you find they have lost their protection against the ehemical," said Prof Wolf. The deleted gene makes an enzyme called glutathione S-transferase. A similar gene is found in humans which is important in the lungs and hladder, two tissues in which smoking is known to play an important cancer-inducing role.

The gene occurs in several forms, with different capacities for detoxifying carcinggens. The researchers, whose findings are published in the Proceedmgs of the National Academy of Sciences, believe its influence on the risk of developing cancer would depend on which form of the gene was present in the body. Prof Wolf said manipulating the amount of the protective enzymes in the cells. could offer a defence against cancer.

Ken Brown, of the Cancer Research Campaign, said the finding raised the possibility in the future of scientists using genetic engineering to prevent cer-

From he Wyear

Drug centres swamped by young addicts

lome Affairs Editor

MANY of Britain's resource-starved drug treatment centres fear they will be unable to cope with large numbers of new referrals by the courts.

Drugs organisations said yesterday that many new centres which'. opened at the start of the decade: amid government concern at the explosion in drug use among young people were now in dire straits.

Many are swamped with referrals and have waiting lists of up to a year. Others have been hit by funding problems and have had to hike up their charges to levels which local authorities refuse to pay. Ron Alexander, a spokesman for

Turning Point, said that treatment centres which had thrived in the . early Nineues were now suffering from a distinct lack of public sympathy. Diana. Princess of Wales, who was the charity's patron, came to refer to it as one of her uncuddly.

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A survey of treatment centres by the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse (Scoda) has found that waiting lists of up to four months are common, and one centre cannot take new referrals to nearly two

Roger Howard, Scoda's chief executive, said: "A drug user that is an addict will be committing someweek. So we have a situation where for many months people are committing crimes and at the same time not getting their health problems addressed."

Research released vesterday by the Maudsley Hospital in Camberwell, south London, found that a study group of 1,100 long-term into a disposable cartridge where a drugs users committed £34m worth to receiving treatment.

The Government has put aside £40m to pay for the introduction of the new Drug Treatment and cocaine, amphetamines, benzo-Testing Order, which is designed to diaphines and opiates.

help the courts direct people away from custody into treatment.

But the drugs organisations said that with some 20 per cent of criminals testing positive for herom or cocaine, this figure would be nowhere near enough for a system which was already unable to cope with demand. Most under pressure are the residential care bomes.

Lome House, a multi-substance treatment centre which specialises in young addicts, is under threat of imminent closure following a the removal of a £74,000 local anthority

The loss of funding has meant that the centre has had to increase its weekly charges from £290 to £600. Jo Searle, the centre's project manager, said young offenders who had been accepted by Lorne House on remand, were instead being sent to jail by the courts because their local authorities could not afford the new treatment fees.

"Each day our situation gets more and more critical as fewer loprices," she said.

She called on the Government to give Keith Hellawell, the national anti-drugs co-ordinator, control of a national budget for funding treatment centres, which are currently dependent on over-stretched local authorities.

Motorists will be asked to parthing in the order of five crimes a ticipate in a second round of roadside drugs testing which began vesterday in a week-long trial by Scotland's largest police force. Drivers will be stopped at random and asked to voluntarily give a sample of saliva on a cottonhud swab by Strathelyde police officers.

The sample will then be inserted chemical reaction takes place. An of crime in the three months prior electronic evaluation instrument will read the reaction and display the results within five minutes.

The device will detect cannahis,



cal authorities can afford to pay the Dean, a drug user, sitting and listening during a peer evaluation meeting at the Lorne House substance abuse centre. Meetings are held weekly Photograph: Adrian Dennis

Children hooked on narcotics education

IN a west London primary-school classroom, 11-year-old Natasha is staking her claim to be Jack Straw's official spokeswoman.

With the support of friends, she is defending the need for a drugs policy for kids like the one at her school, Avondale Park Primary. When you're older it might be too late." Natasha said. "People go around to children of our age [with drugs], because not many children are taught what we are. I actually think we're lucky to be getting this

Patricia Clark, says they are only doing what many good schools are doing, Avondale Park has a drugs education policy highly recommended by the experts. The principle is that drugs cannot be seen in isolation from a programme of general health and social education. The emphasis is on developing the child's confidence and presenting them with arguments to resist peer pressure and make a choice for themselves. Just say no was the drugs motto of the past.

This school's policy is called Saying No Isn't Always Easy. It is a concept that Natasha, with her friends Although the head teacher. Ebru. Edriss, Lee and Rupen have

grasped. The finer points of beroin or cocaine addiction are a lesson for the future. The conversation is largely general; names arc mentioned of other children who have been offered drugs outside school. though the details are sometimes vague. "Weed, I think," says Rupert. of the temptation once offered

They talk about how you might lose your temper if you cannot get your drugs or how people use amphetamines to keep going. And they can repeat the messages from antidrug education: "It's not just yourself you're hurting, but everyone around you." says onc.

With the help of Ed Murphy. I'm only going to drink on special to formerly worked in New York occasions," The children are clearly who formerly worked in New York and has 20 years' experience in the field, drugs, from prescription medicals to illegal substances, are discussed for their benefits - morphine in surgery, for instance - their misuse and their abuse.

-Some are dangerous and some are good for you," Rupert says. Every drug is dangerous unless you use it right.

Natasha says Ed does not push them into saying no, but they believe no is the right decision. Lee says: "Because I'm going to be involved in sport when I'm older. I deaware of other influences than simply their schoolfriends, "It's the background you come from." Natasha says, "It is easier if you have supportive parents. We always need good support. We're only children.

But Ms Clark says they are children in a world where television. video and the Internet have made them more aware of the perils of modern life than any previous generation. For any critics of drugs education in primary schools. Ebru has the final and decisive word: "We've eided I'm not going to smoke, and learned to say no," she says.

From heroin to ecstasy: 100 years of abuse in Britain

Jason Bennetto finds music and economics have a central role in the drug culture

DRUG-TAKING has come a long way since middle-class ladies held cannabis-smoking parties in 1920s London and small groups of literary types relaxed in opium dens. People in Britain today take a greater variety and quantity of drugs at a younger age than ever before. Researchers estimate there are 4 nullion consumers of illicit drugs. About 130,000 are considered "problem users". Teenagers can buy beroin, LSD and ecstasy for pocket-money prices throughout the country. Drugs became a national

phenomenon in the early 1970s, accelerated rapidly in the 1980s, then exploded in the past decade: Surveys of schoolchildren snagest drug use has increased eightfold since 1989.

The reasons for the expansion in the use and variety of drugs available are complex but two factors appeared to have played a key role in most of the changes this century - developments in youth culture. particularly music-based, and the economy. At the turn of the zone. For the first 20 years the main exceptions were Chineserun comm dens, where men and women could smoke it without fear of prosecution. -

The dubs, most of which were based in London, attracted literary figures such as Lewis Carroli as well as some women who became addicted and ended up as prostitutes. One of the five main evils of the era was considered to be women in opium dens. Another fashioncannabis-smoking parties, occasionally held by middle-class



ladies. In 1920 the Dangerous Drugs Act made opiates such as heroin and cocaine only available on prescription from doctors. In 1925 cannabis, or Indian Hemp, as it was known, was outlawed following concerns in other countries about its harmful side effects.

Little is known about drug consumption in the Thirties and Forties except that it was limited. During the Second World War troops were given century Britain was a drug-free amphetamines to keep them alest during military operations. The Fifties saw the moderate influence of the Teddy Boys and later, more importantly, the Mods and Rockers. With the new rebellious musicand fashion came greater use of stimulants such as amphetamines, or "speed".

But it was the Sixties that marked the start of the populifestyles included cannabis and major cities. The Punk movehallucinates such as LSD and ment helped hoost sales of amable, and legal activity, was amphetamines. In 1964 possession of amphetamine was made illegal and a year later so substances into three classes of ones.

most important piece of legislation. The 1980s recession herald-

ed the first "beroin epidemic", particularly in estates in cities such as Liverpool. Manchester and Glasgow. Fears of an accompanying HIV injection epidemic brought a new approach by the Government aimed more at damage limitation rather than "Just Say No" slogancering, with greater use of the heroin substitute, methadone. Glue sniffing also hit the beadlines at the beginning of the 1980s. Warnings of a US-style crack cocaine epidemic failed to materialise.

Trend-setter: The Chineserun opium dens of the

early part of the century first made drug-taking fashionable when they

attracted literary figures such as Lewis Carroll

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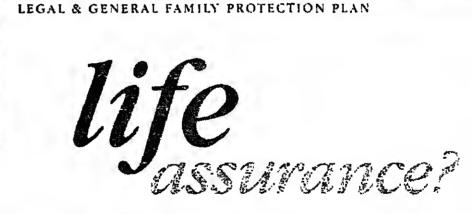
court sentencing remains the

Photograph: Hulton Getty

The rave scene and all-night club culture hit Britain in 1987/S and found the perfect partner in eestasy, which could keep you dancing and high for hours. It also boosted consumption of amphetamines. The ecstasy club scene continued into the mid-Nineties but has dropped off in the past few years as raves and poor-quality "E" tablets have

lost their appeal. As the price of drugs plummeted, so their use rocketed. The country is seeing a secondberoin epidemic, in which the drug is pouring in from Asia for as little as £3 a hit. Cocaine is back in fashion.

of the drug to a small number East European pharmaceutical factories find it more prof-The next decade saw a graditable to churn out ecstasy and speed rather than headache seen teenage girls catch up with boys in drug use by the age nf 15 and rural areas face the phetamines. The 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act, which categorised same drug problems as urban



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of licensed doctors.

was LSD. Towards the end of

the decade harbiturates abuse

kicked in and led to the estab-

lishment of the first detexifica-

tion centres. It took until 1984

before harbiturates became a

In 1965 the government-

sponsored "Brain Committee".

first identified heroin as a seri-

ous problem, mainly among

young working-class men from

London and the Home Coun-

ties, who were injecting it.

Heroin was still relatively easy

to get on prescription - one doc-

tor was known to have given out

6kg of the substance in one year,

although there were still only

3.000 notified addicts in 1969.

The year before the Govern-

ment restricted the availability

prescription-only drug.

Straw's aim to put the lads in work

By Colin Brown

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Chief Pointgal Correspondent

JACK STRAW yesterday said the problem of dealing with under-skilled and under-educated young men is the single most serious social problem faced by Britain.

The Home Secretary confirmed more male role models. at school are part of the Government's strategy for tackling the increasing problem of "laddish" behaviour among boys. Responding to the report in

The Independent vesterday he confirmed that he and David Blunkert, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, are spearheading action to tackle social exclusion and truancy among boys.

"We are tackling head-onthe issue of under-employment and unemployment. It is the problem, Dealing with underskiiled, under-educated young men is the single most serious social problem we face.

"Twenty years ago there was a natural transition from adolescence to adulthood for these young men because there were more jobs available to them. There aren't now.

"The whole purpose of the welfare-to-work programme is to tackle head on the unemployment and to give them a sense of purpose and raise their self-esteem." Mr Straw said on BBC radio.

He said the Government was not being "pious" but act-

financially, should you die.

as reported yesterday. Mr Straw said he has been the chairman of governors of an inner London school for three years, and saw girls doing 40 per cent better than boys at school.

"It's very complicated. It's because the time when males were king of the eastle has gone. There were wars where men were the lion kings, used to get killed for their country and their women gave men a different image from that. Tie that into with the decline in traditional employment opportunities for underskilled men and the growth of drugs and you have got this situation."

Speaking of his own family, including his son who had been questioned by police over the illeged supply of cannahis at Christmas, Mr Straw said: "As I can testify, it doesn't follow that just because you have two parents at home your lads won't get into trouble.

"This is also a problem not just for dysfunctional families but also for functional families. If there isn't a male role modef at home or at school, lads are more likely to get into trouble and stay in trouble."

Mr Straw said there should be more male teachers at primary school by making teaching more attractive to men.

It's not so much the expense - it's making the teaching of younger children attractive to men; we ought to be able to do that. Men have this macho image about themselves, but it is important,"

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Starting point: Chancellor Gordon Brown launching the New Deal national network of training centres for young people entering the hotel, catering and leisure industry at a pilot centre in north London yesterday

Branson the people's choice to become London's mayor

By David Walker Secial Policy School

KEN LIVINGSTONE, Labour MP for Brent East, is Lundon's choice for the office of mayor - if the beauty contest was restricted to politicians. But if, ac-

field was opened to non-politicians, entrepreneur Richard Branson would be the capital's

the idea of a new mayoral office but also that only a third of Londoners are "certain" to turn out in the referendum next week, party nomination. compared with the general election turn-out of 70 per cent and the Scottish referendum vote of more than 60 per cent.

According to NOP, which presented a sample thousand Londoners with 11 possible Evening Standard, Mr Living-

cording to a new survey, the over the next most popular Jackson. MP for Hampstead cent said they would "definitepolitician, the transport minister and Oscar-winner Glenda Jackson. Ms Jackson is, however. persona grata with Labour The poll suggested that three headquarters, which intends to out of four Londoners back pull out every stop in order to exclude the former leader of the Greater London Council from

the competition for the official

If the poll is right, this tactic spells trouble for Lahour. with 74 per cent of the sample expressing resentment at any attempt to block the salamanderfancying MP. Only 16 per cent would approve of the ban. contenders on behalf of the Some 55 per cent said they would vote for Mr Livingstone.

and Highgate. Respectable but lesser scores were registered by other London Labout MPs, including the Culture Secretary Chris Smith, at 34 per cent and Frank Dohson, Secretary of State for Health, at 30 per cent. Independent columnist and broadcaster Trevor Phillips - a Labour supporter crived 29 per cent.

Mr Branson, however, despite not having declared his hand, gets support of 66 per cent. Bad news, however, lurks in the poll for the Tory who has most enthusiastically promoted himself for the job - povelist and former party deputy chairman Lord (Jeffrey) Archer. Fifty-three per

not vote for him and a further 10 per cent said they would

Another Tory, the former per cent approval. Mr Patten. who is on the board of Independent Newspapers (UK). owner of The Independent, has however said lie has no inten-

high standing with 55 per cent saying that if they voted for a mayor 55 per cent would back Lahour, 21 per cent the Tories, 8 per cent the Liberal Democrats; 12 per cent opted for an

probably" take the same view. party chairman and Hong Kong governor Chris Patten won 49

ter for him." Mr Battle said. Since Mr. Pointer is barred from talking about police operational matters under the terms of the Official Secrets Act, he is unable tion of standing.
The poll confirms Labour's to cast any light on the matter. Calling for a public inquiry

into the safety and security of nuclear installations, Matthew. Taylor, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said there had been a one-third fall in the number of police officers employed by the authority...

He asked the minister: "Can you indicate fully whether all the concerns the chief constable expressed - not only in January but an previous occasions - bave been met, given the concerns of British intelligence, the police services and the American government"

Nuclear

security

leaves a

mystery

THE mystery surrounding the

resignation of the head of the

UK Atomic Energy Authority

police force remained yester-

day, in spite of a Commons

question about the resignation

of Anthony Pointer, the

UKAEA police authority chief

constable, the energy minister John Battle told MPs that he

had decided to quit in a dispute

over a demand for six more

officers at Dounreay - the .

Caithness site that has now

received high-risk material from

Georgia, in the former Soviet

while discussion was under way

within the UKAEA over the

need for six extra police to be

added to the existing numbers

at Dounreay in order to increase

the effectiveness of the armed

response capabilities at that

site." Mr Battle said. Mr Pointer tendered his res-

ignation in January, and even

though the authority subse-

quently agreed to the appoint-

ment of the six extra officers -

in place since March - he re-

fused to withdraw his resigna-

tion which takes effect this

"Why he didn't withdraw his

resignation is obviously a mat-

"His resignation occurred

Replying to an emergency

chief

By Anthony Bevins

Political Editor

statement

But Mr Battle insisted a number of times that there was no need for an inquiry, because there was no problem.

He said that the agreed police strength was 470 officers, a reduction in overall numbers since 1987 because there were fewer sites to he guarded.

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"Security is maintained in full conformity with international recommendations and requirements and with national standards which are kept under constant review." Mr Battle said.

"The Director of Nuclear Civil Security has confirmed that be is content with the standard of security now in place at Dounreay and at all the other sites. There is no problem on this one."

Later, Mr Taylor challenged the minister's statement that the fall in police numbers had been due to a reduction in the number of sites. "This is incorrect." he said, "the AEA's own hriefing confirms that there have been reductions at some sites'.

"Only an official inquiry will give the opportunity to Mr Pointer to explain his concerns and clarify his current view on

stone has a substantial lead against 47 per cent for Ms TORIES MAY TAKE OVER WEMBLEY FOR MAYORAL MEETING

THE Tory Party may hold a mass

In a style reminiscent of openair trade-union meetings of old, 70,000 London Tories may be asked to raise their hands in the rain in order to select candidates from a shordist drawn up by Conservative Central Office after consultation with local associations.

neeting of its London members spokesman on local government, ever indicates very strong support choices privately. One idea is for at Wembley Stadium to decide will today announce that a mass for transport minister Glenda who will represent it in the con-rally at the stadium is an option Jackson, despite her not having de-strategically around the stadium. test for the capital's mayor, - knowing that this would steal clared her hand. Being an Oscarwrites David Walker. a march on Labour, who are winning actress has not harmed Ms said yesterday that various options dithering mightily over how to select their candidate. Labour headquarters wants a tightly controlled selection procedure, in order to secure the exclusion of Ken Livingstone, former leader

An opinion poll published yes-

Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory terday by the Evening Standard how- bers are allowed to record their Jackson's name recognition.

William Hague, the Tory leader, is thought to he keen to associate himself with an exercise in direct democracy, though the Conservative Party board of management. headed by Lord Parldnson, is concerned to ensure that party mem-

gigantic ballot boxes to be placed A Tory party spokeswoman

were being considered but that the party was anxious to ensure its: choice was plural. "We want a healthy list", she said - not just the two names that have surfaced so far, those of millionaire novelist Lord (Jeffrey) Archer and former

Worries over women for Wales

By Tony Heath

THE Labour Party's efforts to achieve gender balance among candidates for next year's Welsh Assembly elections remained unresolved vesterday after a lengthy meeting of the party's Welsh executive committee in Cardiff.

The meeting backed the principle of twinning the 40 Welsh constituencies into 20 pairs to produce equal numbers of men and women candidates. However, the committee decided to reconvene on 7 May to consider a counter-proposal under which each constituency would choose between a man and a woman. It was also recognised that the twinning scheme. What ever system we adopt needed further examination. A decision will be taken at

the party's annual Welsh conference in Swansea on 15 May. Terry Thomas, the executive's chairman, denied that there had been further delay fol-

lowing a lengthy period of consultation. "We want to examine twinning in greater detail and look at an alternative." be said. The meeting was reportedly

exercised by the remarks of the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine. who told Welsh MPs last week: "In my opinion twinning is unlawful.

Mr Thomas said after last night's meeting: "The Labour Party has had legal opinion.

could be open to legal challenge."

The continuing uncertainty over the best way of achieving gender balance in Wales has implications for the Scottish partv, where the process appears to have gone more smoothly.

The 40 local parties are said to be evenly split over twinning. At a meeting of Welsh Labour MPs at Westminster earlier this month there was an II-10 vote in favour of twinning.

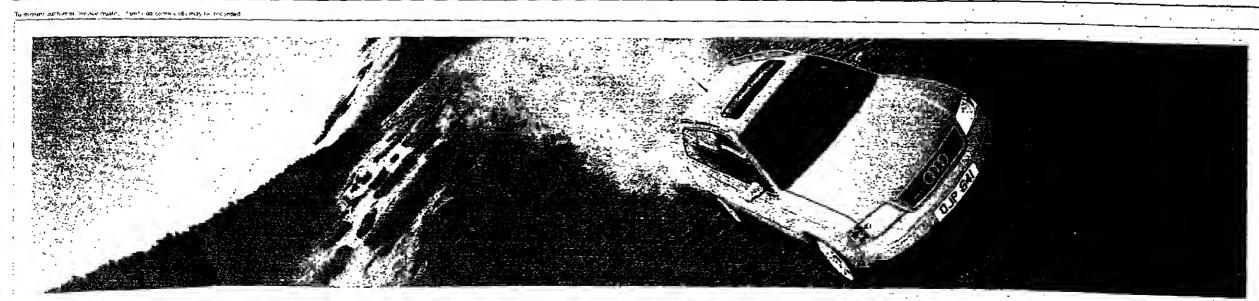
Ann Clwyd, MP for the Cynon Valley and one of the leaders in the "Twin to Win" campaign, said that Wales' macho political culture had to be reversed. "There are only four women MPs in Wales against 36



Ann Clwyd: Macho culture has to be reversed

men and Wales has only ever returned seven women to Westminster," she said.

John Rogers of the Welsh executive said: "Everyone should bear in mind the comment of Lord Irvine who expressed the view that twinning was unlawful."



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A hard day's night for three in a tent made for two



T was the most physically taxing day of my life and just about the worst night's "sleep" I can remember. Camp 3. at 7,200m on the Lhotse Face below Everest's South Col, is probably as dramatic a place to pitch a tent as is imaginable. But it is hard to find anyone who speaks of it with affection.

Camp 3 is one of the esseutial staging posts in climbing Everest from the Nepalese

It is, for all practical purposes, the half-way house between Advanced Base Camp (ABC) near the head of the Western Cwm and the South Col - launch pad for summit attempts. After days of gazing up to a too-distant skyline where the wind whips the snow into streamers it is amazing now close the South Col now looks,

uncomfortably close: The small tents of several expeditions are tucked in on glacial shelves in the centre of the face. Hacking plants into the ice was hard work for our team of Sherpas who were here a day before us.

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it seems churlish to wonder why there are only three twoperson tents for eight of us.or. why one tent is so awkwardly positioned as to require crampons right into the porch, with steep bulges of blue ice. not an inch of space to remove.

Western Cwm beckons hundreds of metres below if anysome amazing arrested slips.

So why go to Camp 3 at all top before midnight. until the final swimmit bid? It is



that you will be able to function at more than 7,000m and partly for the experience of ascending on the ropes fixed over the

the said spikes from your boots: mit time, the idea will be to go Meanwhile, the floor of the from ABC to Camp 3, as we did, then next day, in a long -push, climb to the South Col, thing is let slip. There have been hie in a tent for a few hours deaths on the Lhotse Face and ... (sleep would be a sweet surprise) and then set off for the

partly for acclimatisation, to see Camp 3 climb has given our pedition. Obviously we shall

guides Dave Walsh and Jim Williams a good idea of the respective abilities of our Himalayan Kingdoms Expeditions team members and an idea of Given fair weather at sumwho might make the summit,

including themselves. Dave's deputy leader, Barny Barnicott, a past Everester, is already out of the frame. He went down the valley two weeks ago to try and shake off a flutype bug, but after starting back into the Khumbu felt too It is also likely that the weak to continue with the ex-

miss his experience. Some of us will also miss his company in the evening over cards or - below Base Camp - a glass or two of

For myself, I found the climb to Camp 3 a desperately hard slog, but not so hard that I could not have started out

again oext morning. We were on the go for about six hours, first across the crevassed snow slopes at the head of the cwm and then on to the fixed ropes - placed by

Ice man cometh: Pernma sherpa) of the Himalayan Kingdoms Expeditions, going through the ice fall Photograph: Stephen Goodwir

as the angle steepened into the Lhotse Face. The sun turns this mountain amphitheaure into a furnace. Time after time I hung back on the rope gasping for air.

But an hour or so before reaching our goal the weather changed to light snow. limiting visibility so that sometimes

no one else could be seen. At this alutude it is common to have hallucinations and at that moment conditions were just right. With the angle of the Lhotse Face obscured and the snow falling so gently, I imagined I was somewhere like the North Downs, reality only returning as the shadow above turned not to a familiar bank of trees hut a cliff of snow-hlanketed ice.

The true picture of the camp, its location and its vast Himalayan panorama only hecame appareot as I wriggled out of our tiny two-person expedition tent as the sun came up. Unfortunately there had been three of us in it. I had spent the night lying head down-slope, vet surprisingly suffered next to no headache, either from altitude or a rush of blood to the head. I was also the only one able to reach the stove.

Replacing fluid by endlessly boiling water is vital at altitude. However, this meant from my cramped position I was having to reach over the stove and round the side of the tent to scoop pan fulls of snow for

After a cup-a-soup and tea the three of us gave up the struggle - Dave Walsh and Irish nurse Josie Keiran were my close companions - and tried to lay still for the long night. Every knock on the tent side brought a shower of frost particles like snow over our Sherpas only a few days ago -



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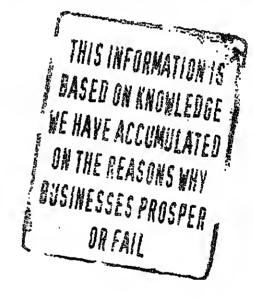


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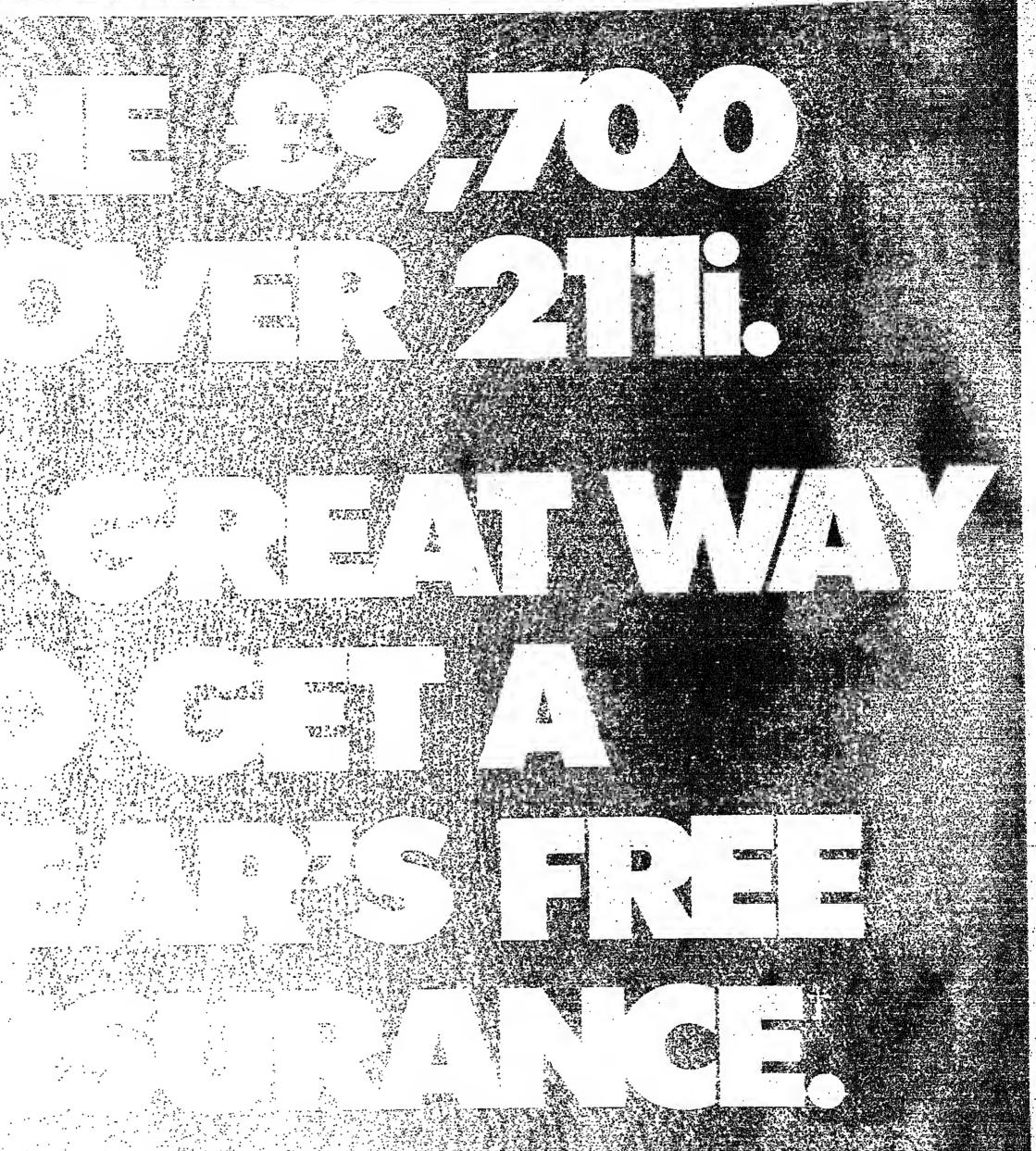
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France hurls spanner in the euro works

Tony Blair last night to use his chairmanship of the European Union to avert a diplomatic crisis over who runs Europe's single currency, as the two main protagonists France and The Netherlands both dismissed

Rivalry between Paris and Jacques Chirac. The Hagne over the post of . There was speculation yespresident of the future European Central Bank is set to government leaders meet in the launch of an Il-member currency merger from 1999.

clash of national egos over a top job that the E balls are suggests, it in fact exposes the faultlines of an underlying political rift between France and Germany over how monetary mison should

ter Emu kicks off.

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Mr Blair's failure to mediate independence of the bank effectively in the damaging diserupted into the open yesterday." pute would draw strong criticism. with reports suggesting that even though the indications are the Bundesbank would rethink that Britain's marginal role in its approval for the launch of Emu has also consigned the Emu if the presidency were to Prime Minister to the sidelines. fall victim to a Franco-Dutch. Mr Blair, who is denied a vote in compromise, splitting the eight- the selection of a Central Bank year term of office between the chief because of Britain's opt-out.

first four years to make way for office and the Elysée."

Dispute exposes wider rift over monetary union, writes Katherine Butler in Brussels

stability and credibility of the

euro. The Maastricht Treaty

independence of the office.

The appointment of a figure

such as Wim Duisenberg, close-

The new Central Bank presthe current French central bank president, Jean Claude Trichet. ident will head a team of 500 nominated in a surprise chalwhich from next January will colenge by the French President, ordinate monetary policy for the euro-zone setting interest rates

terday that faced with the threat that the Bundesbank would to which the Bank and its top overshadow a historic EU sum- withdraw its endorsement for officers are, and are seen to be mit on Saturday when the 15 the euro, the French were entirely independent of politipreparing to back down, with- cal interference, is crucial to the drawing Mr Trichet on the promise that he would succeed the Dutchman perhaps after stipulates an eight-year non-Far more significant than the six years. A spokesperson for Mr renewable term for the presi-Chirac, who appears to have hoist his candidate on a very high Trance continues to support the

candidacy of Mr Trichet". A spokesperson for the policies advocated by the Bunbe run Even if the dispute is set - Dutch Prime Minister who was there are growing fears that it is general election campaign, merely a foretaste of the tensions meanwhile, repeated that nothwhich will inevitably emerge af- ing less than a full eight-year

French hopes have focused . Hast Priday but no agreement maon a 50-50 split under which the terialised and there have been no Dutch candidate, Wim Duisen- further attempts to broker a herg, would retire after the deal according to both Mr Kok's desbank and the German govmment, would fulfil German demands perfectly.

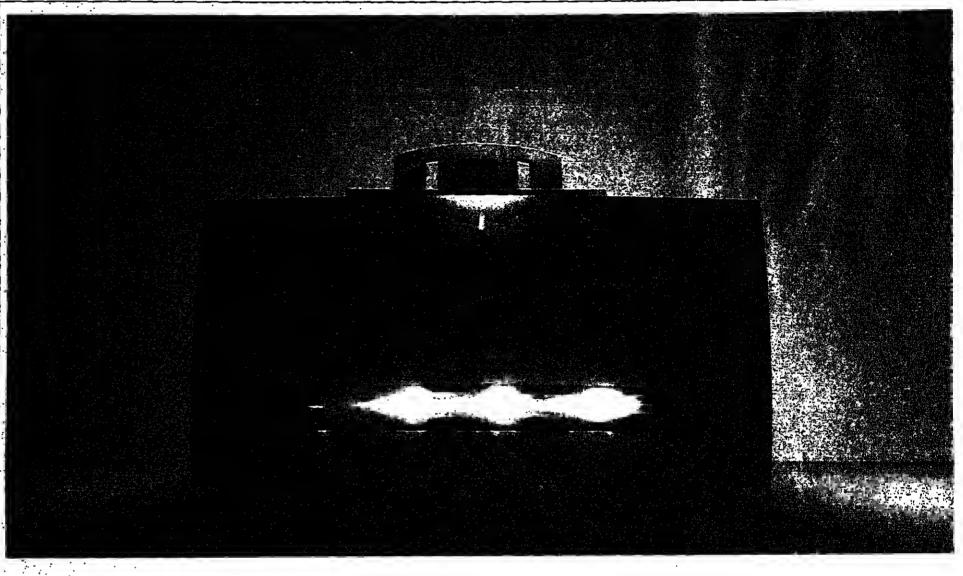
He represents the quid pro quo for Germany's rejuctant agreement to admit countries whose high debt and structural economic problems could destabilise the project.

French political leaders, on and steering the new currency. the other hand, have a vision of For the Germans the extent an Emu where a tight monetary policy is offset by the political concern for jobs and growth. For the Dutch the issue is

one of national pride. Pipped at the post in a 1994 EU contest. for the presidency of the European Commission, the Dutch are furious that the same trick dent specifically to protect the could be played again. This time Wim Kok's Socialist led coalition is facing elections after the Emu summit on 6 May ly linked to the tight money so the room for compromise at least before that date, is slim.



Allies: Cuban President Fidel Castro (left) talking to Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien yesterday at the Palace of the Revolution in Havana, where the two leaders met to sign co-operation agreements Photograph: Gary Hershorn



Outsider set to shake up Spain's socialists

are set for a much needed shake-up following the unexpected victory of the outsider. Josep Borrell in the party's members declared by their first primary elections for a prime-ministerial candidate.

Mr Borrell, a charismatic Caudau of numble origins, delivered a kick up the backside to the party machine by trouncing the party sofficial candidate. Joaquin Almunia.

Mr Almunia was the designated successor of the former prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, and looked like a safe pair of hands affer he was hastily endorsed in the time-bonoused bureaucratic fashion tollowing Mr Gonzalez's sudden resig nation last June - --

Mr Almunia was regarded as led the party since 1974, with 14 years as prime minister - decide to return as party leader

Mr Conzalez encouraged this sentiment by saying before the poli; "I'll vote for Joaquin and __centinue at the disposi-

tion of my party." But last Friday, the rankand file members overnmed all predictions by rejecting this vision, opting instead for Mr Bornell by 35 per cent, with 45 per cent voting fix No Atminia.

showed the extent to which the party apparatus had lost

· Party bosses have been urging internal reform for years, especially since they lost the elections two years ago. But vote that those who talked of renovation actually delivered staggation.

Overnight, the Socialists have dramatically improved Their chances of victory in elections due within two years. A weekend poll predicted that were elections to be called now, Mr Borrell would be 10 points ahead of the Prime Minister. Jose Maria Aznar.

Mr Almunia, a decent but mexiting leader, offered to resign as party general secretary. though Mr Borrell, seeking to urged him to stay.

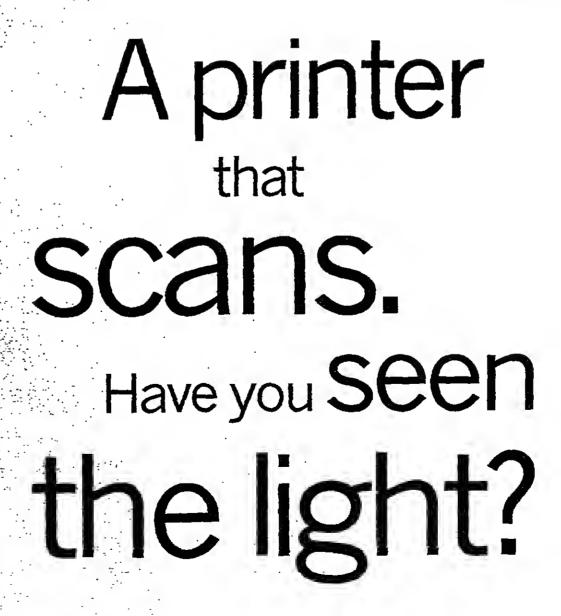
keeping the throne warm. Political ideas were sparse should Mr Gonzalez who had throughout the contest, but Mr lenge of Mr Aznar's conservative government more fiercely over social conditions and em-

Mr Borrell has the enormous advantage of being free of any taint of involvement in undercover assassinations of suspects in the Basque separatist organisation Eta, during Mr Gonzalez's government in the 1980s. Mr Gonzalez has been dogget by accusations of illegal statesponsored covert operations.

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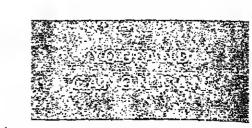
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A DAY after his party's catastrophic defeat in Saxony-Anhalt, Chancellor Helmut Kohl came under pressure yesterday to borrow antiforeigner themes from the extreme right in the coming national election

Mr Kohl's Christian Democrats lost one-third of their support in Sunday's elections to the regional assembly, seated in Magdeburg, and avoided the utter humiliation of being beaten into third place by the ex-communist PDS by the margin of 2 per cent of the votes. The German People's Union (DVU) recorded the best ever performance of an extreme right-wing party since the Second World War, capturing 12.9 per ceot

-We didn't manage to convince dards in the region," Mr Kohl said vesterday in his first comment.

In a stormy meeting of his party executive in Bonn yesterday. Mr Kohl was forced to acknowledge blame for the débacle, and was implored to prepare a "timetable" for his retirement. With only five months to go to September's general elections, however, his party could ill afford to sack him now, and he shows no inclination of jumping.

The only option open, his dismayed troops acknowledge, is to change course. And with the centre and left fenced off by the Social De-



mocrats' challenger, Gerhard Schröder, there is nowhere to seek

new votes but oo the extreme right. Senior east German politicians. who have seen these ultras eat into the Christian Democrat camp, were therefore advising him to make the necessary adjustment in campaign rhetoric. The loudest instructions for a right turn are coming - predictably - from the Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union. Their leader. Theo Waigel, left no doubt what Mr Kohl should do: "Aside from jobs, [the CDU] needs to put more stress on internal security, immigration and crime policies," Mr Waigel said. His own party. Mr Waigel pointed out. -has been doing this for some time already and we feel that course is justified by the result in Saxony-Anhalt".

One of Mr Waigel's Bavarian colleagues, Erwin Huber, went further: "We must make it clear it is our joh the voters of the massive efforts we to keep on defending national inhave made to improve living stan-terests in Europe. This awareness of national issues must, perhaps, be put even more in the foreground."

"We have no need to learn any lessons in that area." Mr Kohl retorted yesterday. The Chancellor and his Bavarian comrades have been fighting a bitter war of words over election strategy. The rift in the governing coalinon doubtless contributed to the CDU's dismal showing on Sunday, but right-wingers clearly do not intend to drop the matter.

The CDU-CSU block are eight points behind the Social Democrats in the national polls, and at this rate are heading for defeat. The temptation to play the foreigner card may be too hard to resist. Such a campaign is not alien to Chancellor Kohl. At a rally in Magdeburg last week. he devoted a chunk of his speech to law and order and spoke about foreigners in the context of crime. "Foreigners are guests in our country," he said, adding that they should respect Germany's laws.

As the main parties pondered their response to the resurgence of right-wing extremism, the leader of the country's Jewish community called on them to act now. "If the democratic parties leave things as they are what could emerge in the next always stayed at home. two, three or five years could be very dangerous," Ignatz Bubis said.



Designer Nazism storms into poll position

THE DVU's breakthrough in Saxony-Anhalt opens a new phase in the battle for the disaffected hearts and minds of eastern Germany. For years, neo-Nazi gangs have ruled the streets in the region's devastated towns and dehumanising estates, hut, until now, not one of their members had gained entry to any of the Land parliaments. When it came to election day, their potential voters

On Sunday, these seething masses were roused from their torpor and

threw their support behind the DVU.

"A victory for democracy," exclaimed the leader of the "phantom party", Gerhard Frey, who submitted no candidates, merely the name of his creadon, to the electorate. To be precise, the victory owed all to Mr Frey's strategy of storming the bastions of democracy by democratic means.

Basehall hats are out. Unlike other neo-Nazi organisations, such as the NPD, which go in for black uniforms and bombastic rallies, the DVU confines itself to Mr Frey's suburban Munich villa. His empire is the "criminal foreigners" thrown out.

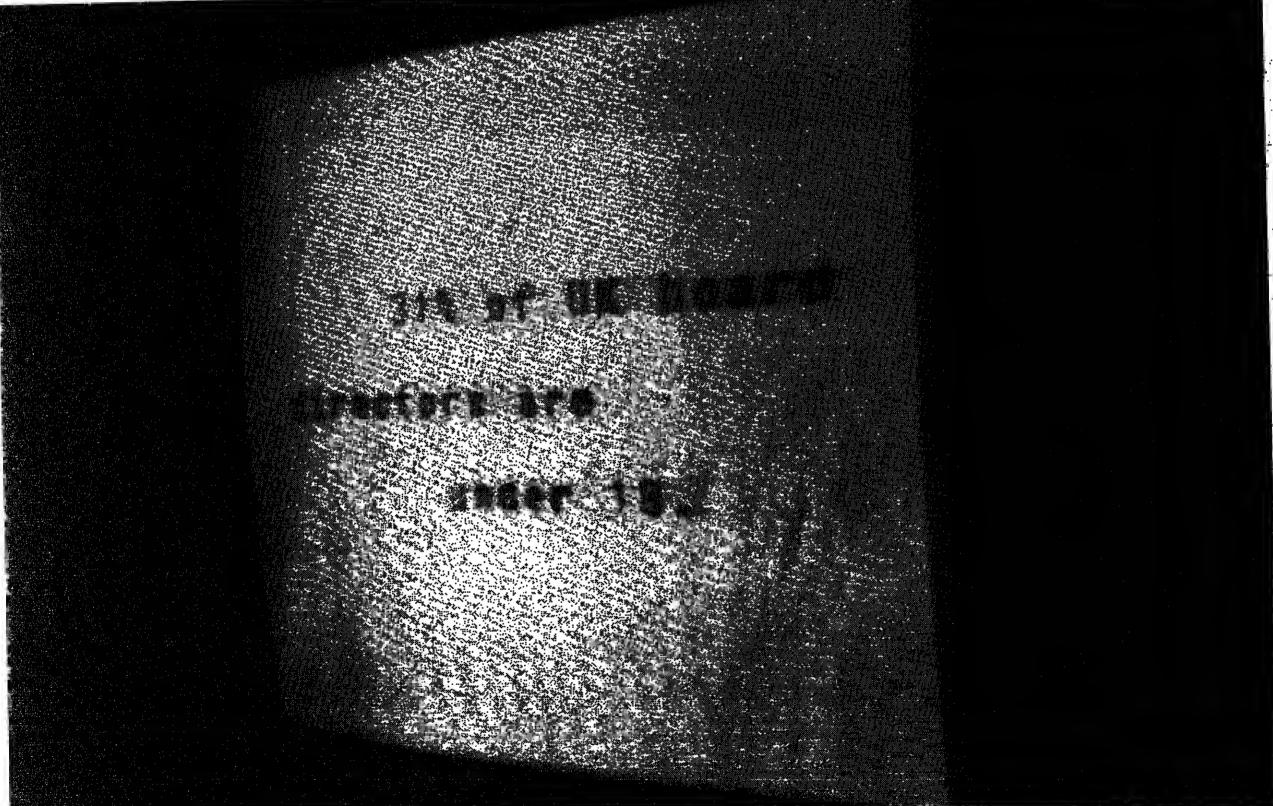
the majority of first-time voters world of newspapers, war videos and the Internet. His target audience enthused a skinhead on the Olvencomprises not only the young desperadoes spoiling for a fight, but their mothers and fathers, too. The 65year-old publisher is the respectable face of right-wing extremism; his creed is designer Nazism.

The newspapers he publishes in Munich do oot shirk from anti-Semioc slurs, revisionism and rabid xenophobia. But the election leaflets he mailed last week kept the message simple. He was not proposing to get anybody beaten up, merely to have

"The DVU says the things we say." stedt estate in Magdeburg last week. What they say on the estates is that foreigners, who account for less than 2 per cent of the region's population, are responsible for soaring crime and 23 per cent unemployment.

The DVU has few members -16,000 throughout Germany and less than 100 in Saxony-Anhalt - but it has notched up some successes. For a time, the party was represented in the parliament of the city-state of Bremen, and last autumn it fell 200 votes short of repeating the feat in Hamburg.

Sunday's triumph will serve as a springhoard for Mr Frey, though he might find it difficult to score above the necessary 5 per cent in states where other extreme-right-wing parties can split the racist vote. But the DVU leader has almost unlimited resources. Having inherited a chain of department stores from his brother, he is believed to be worth about DM500m (£167m). Buying 16 seats in the Saxony-Anhalt parliament cost him a mere DM3m, and about a third of that will be reimbursed by the taxpayer. Democracy, like almost everything else in Germany, is subsidised.



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in Baghdad

IT IS the mother of birthday cakes. It is on display in the lob-by of the al-Rashid hotel in ceniral Baghdad and the message above it reads. "Happy Birthday To Our Beloved President Leader Saddam Hussein (God Bless Him)." Coloured lights ported that he has made no illuminate the streets of the capital and celebrations have started in every town in Iraq.

The most impressive event so far has been a mass wedding of 270 couples at the Hunting Club in the fashionable al-Mansur district, site of many embassies, not far from the old. Baghdad race course. Red buses brought about 2,000 relatives to the reception and the concert afterwards at which Iraqi singers performed on a stage decorated with illuminated hearts. Hotel rooms for the happy couples are paid for by the are received, but has limited

village outside Tikrit, a nonde- in Baghdad. "They seem conscript town oo the Tigris north in the country and over the last week sign painters have beeo bala, the holy city in western Iraq, a painter was last week carefully repainting the gold thread in the robe of Saddam Hussein dressed as a sheik.

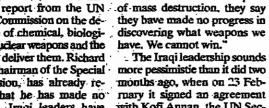
another more ominous ritual. Iraqi official, "they will con-The UN-Security Council met demn us. But if they fail to find yesterday to discuss the sixmonthly report from the UN Special Commission on the destruction of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them. Richard Butler, chairman of the Special Commission, has already reprogress. Iraqi leaders have been underlining the gloomy prospects for the lifting of sanctions all week. "So long as the Security Council is controlled by America and so long as the [UN] Special Commission is formed by America," said Tariq Aziz the deputy prime minister, "the possibility that the

Botler as an American agent. Iraq has threatened nospecified measures if sanctions military, political or diplomat-It was 61 years ago today that ic options. They do not have Saddam Hussein was born in a much lee-way," said a diplomat vinced the best chance of getof Baghdad. His portrait in dif-ting, saoctions lifted is by ferent guises is on every street co-operating fully with the UN." He said a fresh crisis. if there is to be one, is more liketouching them up. Outside Kar- ly after the next six-monthly review in October.

Iraq and also Libya and others

is weak." He denounced Mr

Iraq accuses the UN Special Commission of adopting a procedure under which the embargo will never be lifted. "If The birthday coincides with they find something," said one



Birthday boy Saddam

flexes Iraq's muscles

mary it signed an agreement with Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General. At the time it appeared to have focused attention on the suffering caused by sanctions, weakened the USled Gulf war alliance and enhanced the role of the UN. Now, Iraqi leaders give the impression they believe they are little nearer ending sanctions. embargo will be lifted from

evidence that we have weapons

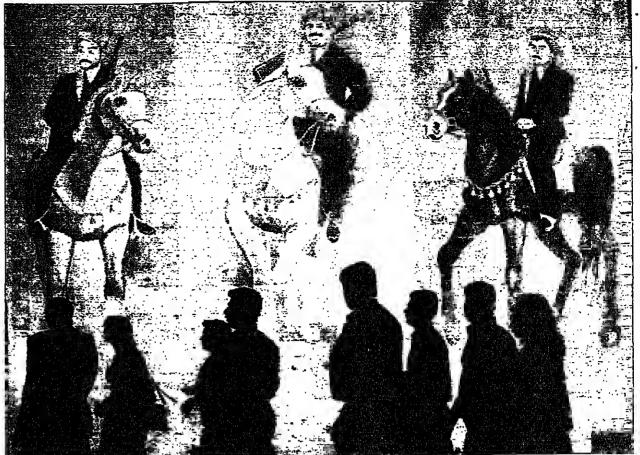
At the time of the agreement with Mr Annao Iraq must have known there was no chance of even partially lifting sanctions until October. It may be that the curity and political future.

increasingly militant rhetoric is geared to keeping international attention focused on Iraq, but not to provoking a renewed confrontation at this time. The main political develop-

ment in Iraq since the February crisis has been the increased vis ibility and confidence of Saddam Hussein. The evidence is less in his birthday celebrations than prolonged appearances in public. This is in sharp cootrast to his disappearance from public view for long periods over the last eight years.

Ten days ago he reviewed the

volunteer army for five hours in Baghdad. He even shook hands with foreign ambassadors, most of whom had never seen him (they present their credentials to his vice-presideot). His pubhic appearances indicate greater



UN poised to renew sanctions on Baghdad

IGNORING fresh threats from way made in the nuclear area. inspectors, the Security Coun- members, last week proposed a the economic sanctions im- clear capabilities to a less posed on Iraq in the wake of its aggressive regime of monitoring.

David Usberne in New York roll on for another half-year is The county appeared to certain to relignite tensions bethe spactions on the basis of a al community. Iraq's anger was new report from Richard But voiced in Baghdad yesterday by ler, the diplomat in charge of the Iraci presidential adviser, weapons inspections in Iraq He General Amer Saadi, who said concluded that in the past six fature relations with the UN inmonths there had been virtu- spectors would be "determined ally no progress" in determin- in the light of the results of the ing tran's compliance with the Security Council debate". The UN resolutions that call on it to - general added: Diplomats said end all its programmes in nu- the Russian proposal for a resclear, ballistic, chemical and biological weapons. An olive branch may be of-

of formal recognition of head-giving ground to Baghdad.

Baghdad that it might once Russia, the most heedful of more suspend all co-operation Iraq's plight among the five with United Nations weapons permanent Security Council cil was on course last night to resolution that would downrenew for another six months grade inspections of Iraq's mi-

The tween Iraq and the internation olution on nuclear monitoring was unlikely to get sufficient support io the council, as the fered in the form of some kind United States is uneasy about

Wartime Korean sex slaves win compensation battle

HUMAN-RIGHTS groups hailed a landmark Japanese court ruling that Tokyo should pay compensation to three South Korean womeo forced to provide sex to Japanese soldiers in the Second World War. The Yamaguchi District Court in southem Japan ordered the Japanese government to pay 300,000 yen (£1,420) to each of the three plaintiffs. Up to now, the Japanese government has refused to pay compensation to any of the women.

Clashes in Kosovo

THE YUGOSLAV army clashed with Albanians and reported killing three insurgents in the southern province of Kosovo. Albanian reports said up to 12 died. The Serbian government said they were trying to smuggle weapons into Kosovo from Albania. Serb sources also reported that two policemeo were wounded, one seriously, in an ambush overnight to the southwest of Pristing About 150 people have been killed in Kosovo since fate Pebruary, when Serb security forces first launched a sweep aimed at wiping out Albanian separatists.

Chinese sow seeds of doubt

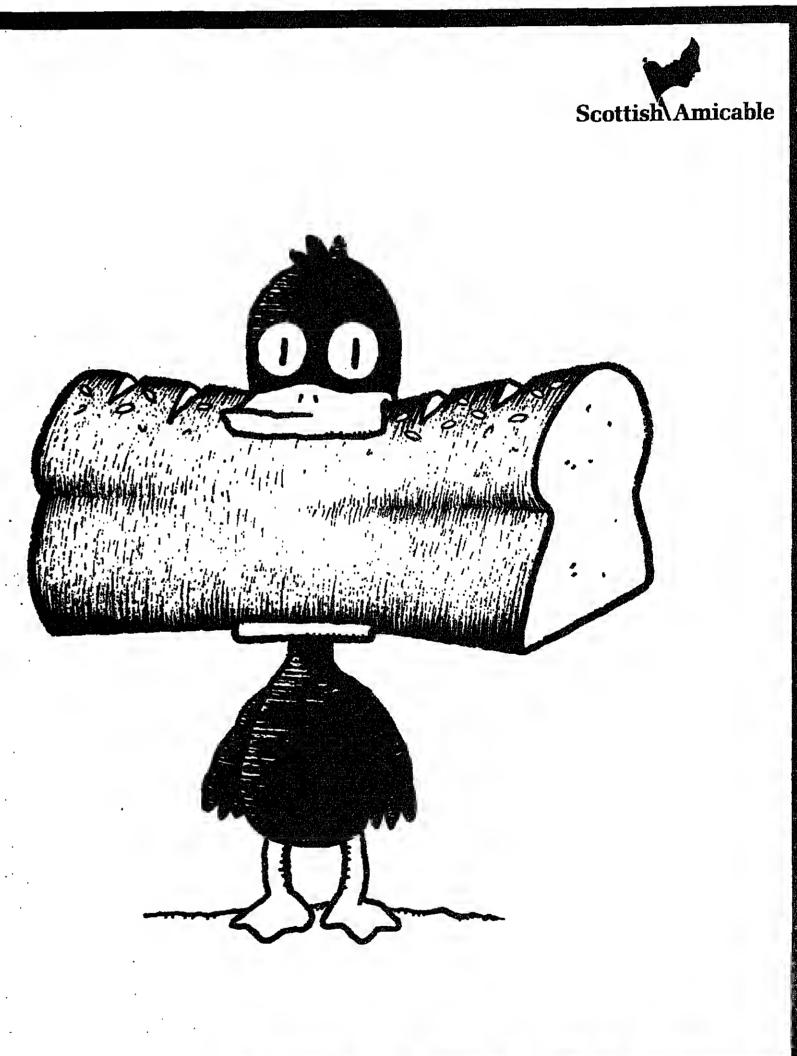
CHENA, which invented the magnetic compass, gunpowder and the printing press, is claiming another world first – the tulip. Most people believe it was European, but evidence uncovered by Chinese researchers shows it originated in China Xiahua news agency said. Experts 20 varieties of tulips in the Mark at Tibetan platean in western China and in the north-western region of Xinjiang, Xinhua said. That was proof China was the birthplace of the flower. Reuters, Peking

Bishop murdered

A GUATEMALAN bishop who was a leading human-rights activist has been murdered, the Vatican said: Juan Gerardi Conedera, Guatemala native, who was 75, had spoken out frequently for democracy and human rights.

Lebed heading for poll win

ALEXANDER LEBED was on course to become governor of the Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia and gain a power-base to stand for president of Russia. Unofficial results from Sunday's election in the powerful industrial region gave him 45 per cent of the vote, nearly 10 percentage points more than his pracest rival, Valery Zubov.



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g fast: A Tibetan woman weeping after police seized hunger-strikers in Delhi yesterday

Photograph: John Macdoustall/AFP

Tibetan protest ends in flames

By Peter Popham in New Delhi

WITH burns to 90 per cent of his body, 60-year-old Thupten Ngodup is not expected to live much longer. But he is conscious in his hospital bed in Delhi where he was taken yesterday morning, and according to a friend who visited him he is sitting in bed reciting over and over again a sort of mantra. May all beings be happy. Long live the Dalai Lama. May Tibet be free.

Thupten Ngodup poured petrol over himself and set it alight yesterday morning at Jantar Mantar, the protest camp in central Delhi, where Tibetan exiles on hunger strike were entering the 49th day of their fast. At 6am, large numbers of police surrounded the camp, some in paramilitary uniforms and carrying breathing

equipment. They barged their way through 40 Tibetan sympathisers who had been keeping a vigil at the site and burst into the tent where the three remaining hunger strikers (three others had been arrested on Sunday) were asleep. As they carried them out to a waiting amhulance, Mr Ngodup sat down outside the tent and set himself on fire. Tibetans and foreign supporters tried to stifle the flames hut he was in a critical condition when he

reached hospital.

Tseten Norbu, president of the Tibetan Youth Congress, organisers of the fast, said: "We were expecting something to happen today, but what the police did this morning was totally barbaric."

Last week police visited the camp and warned the organis-ers that suicide is illegal under Indian law. With the fast entering its eighth week - they had been taking nothing but lemonflavoured water - it was likely that some of the hunger-strikers would soon be in a serious condition. But the political factor that is assumed to have dictated the aggressiveness of the police action is that on Sunday the head of China's armed forces, General Fu Quanyou, arrived in Delhi for a seven-day visit. It was the first ever visit to India by China's supreme military commander.

The Tibetan Youth Congress had assured the Indian authorities that they would do nothing to embarrass India over the general's visit, but the mere existence of the protest was an embarrassment. The police decided to close it down, but provoked something far worse.

The relationship between India and China, the two Asian behemoths, is chronically distrustful. Although they signed an agreement on border peace seven years ago, a final agreement is as far away as ever and the border region in the Himalayas is heavily reinforced on both sides. The Indian government's atrastive new defence

minister. George Fernandes, recently infuriated Peking by criticising the alleged building by China of a heli-pad in the disputed area.

puted area.
Political activity by Tibetan exiles has been tolerated by India ever since China's takeover of Tibet. But tolerance has never developed into political support. And as Tseten Norbu said yesterday, following his compatriot's self-immolation, "We found this morning that we

really have no political allies." The Tibetans have made three demands of the United Nations: to resume debate on Tibet, to appoint a special capporteur to investigate the human rights situation, and to appoint a special envoy to promote a peaceful settlemeot. There have been three statements by UN officials, two by human rights commissioner, Mary Robinson and one by Kofi Annan." Mr Tseten said, but they did not address any of our three demands."

For 40 years, under the guidance of the Dalai Lama, the Tibetans struggle has been resolutely pacific, but now the patience of the Tibetan youth is wearing thin. "We in the Tibetan Youth Congress have a very clear policy," Mr Tseten said. "We can pursue violent as well as non-violent means, hut with due and high regard to the Dalai Lama's leadership, we have until today committed no violent acts."

With Mr Thupteo's self-immolation, the unscheduled act of one individual, that may be about to change in the most horrific way. "We found we have to pay the price in flesh and blood. That is what we have to do now. Without paying the price we don't get independence," Mr Tseten said.

A new hatch of six hungerstrikers began their fast yesterday, replacing those taken away by the police. If the police try to nip the new protest in the bad, India, along with the rest of the world, should hrace itself for more horrifying scenes.

Health scares take food off HK menus

By Stephen Vines In Hong Kong

COME to Hong Kong, "one of the world's great culinary centres", the tourist promotion literature says. So it is. But when visitors get here, they will find all manner of food is disappearing from the menu.

The former British colony has been hit by an unusual oumber of food scares which have taken many items off local menus in quiet succession. First came the scare about fresh green vegetables from across the border in China proper. Theo all poultry was removed. Then shellfish, followed by all fish and now, more recently, beef.

"I hope you don't use the words 'food scare'." said Pauline Ling, spokeswoman for the health department, as she tried valiantly to convince me that the problems with various foods were well under control or common io other countries too.

There is no disguising the state of unease about the food situation. The most dramatic scare came early this year with the discovery of a fatal flu virus which spread from chickens to people. Even though it remains unclear whether the virus can be contracted from eating infected birds, poultry was soon pulled off the menu. To calm people's fears and remove the source of the problem the Hong Kong government ordered the slaughter of all poultry in the territory.

Fresh chicken and duck are now back on the menu, just as beef sales slumped by half following news last week that a deadly *E.coli* bacteria had been found in beef coming from a local abattoir.

Oh well, what about something lighter, say shellfish? Unfortunately that's off the menu too because of fears that a toxic algae may lurk in shellfish caught in local waters, which have been suffering from the "red tide" phenomenon. The red tide is a build up of algae which suffocate fish without necessarily poisoning the fish altogether whereas in shellfish, notorious for harbouring all sorts of diseases, the toxins lioger and can attack the spinal nerve

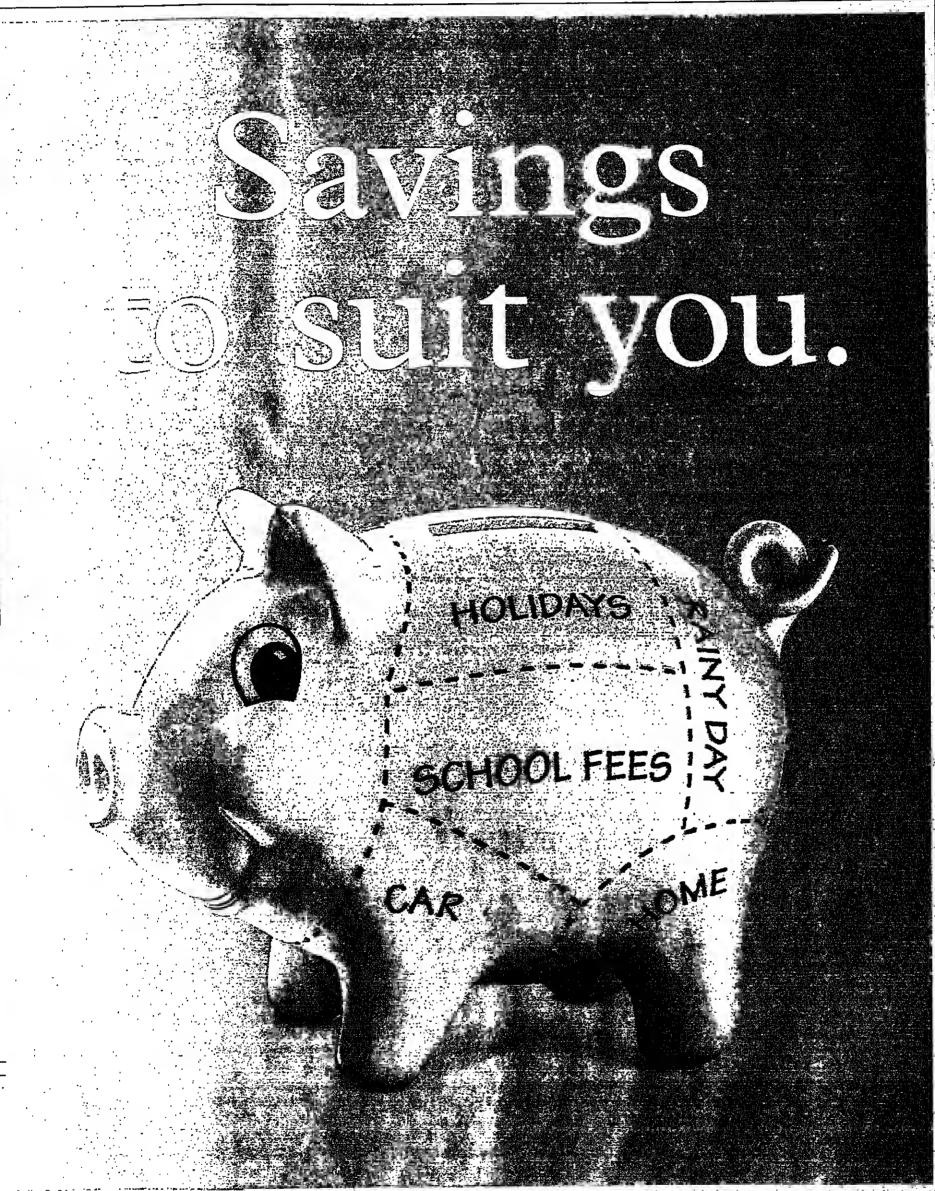
This is a great pity because there are few more refreshing dishes than stir-fried shellfish cooked Cantonese style. One of the most popular dishes is cockles. They were taken off the menu earlier in the year following a cholera scare.

Vegetarians cannot smirk about the woes of their fellow diners. Earlier in the year, hospitals and clinics treated a large number of patients with food poisoning caught from eating succulent-looking green vegetables. They were drenched in pesticide by Chinese farmers trying to make their vegetables grow faster.

Why is Hong Kong so prone to food scares? It is precisely why Hong Kong is famous for its food. The best Chinese food is ultra-fresh. Fish, shellfish and chickens are usually alive moments before they are plunged into the pot. Vegetables are delivered daily and do not linger in cold storage.

Mrs Ling says this creates

"a unique system of selling food", with a large amount of live animals and fish in markets. It also creates problems of hygiene. The safe alternative is dead, frozen food, but no self-respecting Chinese cook will have anything to do with food from a deep freeze. It may be squeaky clean but they consider it tasteless.



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Cooking up a TV winner

Bazal Productions has become one of the most powerful forces on television. Tim Hulse discovers its secret recipe

"THERE'S nothing wrong with brain which has made him, at something that's pure entertainment," says Peter Bazalgette. "It's not a sin to have ... pleasure in your life. But you'd. think in this country very often

Bazulgette is the high priest of lifestyle - the man responsible for a plethora of lightweight lifestyle TV programmes such as Changing. Rooms, Ready Steady Cook and Can't Cook Won't Cook, which now dominate the schedules. and have encouraged a British obsession with food and decor. Those words were his response to my suggestion that the bulk of his output might be collec- part due to Peter Bazalgette." tively described as "entertaining crap". Others have said. much worse things about his programmes, in particular the London Evening Standard's... television reviewer Victor Lewis Smith, who wrote recently: "It's curious that the Bazalgette family first achieved prominence through their sterling work with drains and sewage, and fitting that Peter is . keeping the family connection Whatever Bazalgette's pro-

grammes are, they're certainly popular, Last year, Changing: Rooms was watched by more people than any other programme on BBC2. Transferred to BBC1 for its latest series which has just ended, it regularly pulled in more than 10 million viewers, giving it a prime-time audience share of more than 40 per cent. Celebrity Ready Steady Cook, another Bazalgette production on BBC1, attracts around six-anda half million viewers. In the modern, ratings-driven world of British TV, figures like these are not to be sniffed at. Nor are the spin-offs, from books and crockery to sales of programme. concepts around the globe. So it's not surprising he laughs off: the criticism of his detractors.

"I'm astounded that some of . the critics of the programmes waste so much energy, time and hot air on what are essentially instant little entertainments."-

"Smooth" is one of the words which tend to crop up when you mention the name of Bazalgette in TV circles. "Operator" is the other one. Behind the affable, nonchalant exteri- £22m. or there lies a shrewd business

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44, one of the most important and influential figures in today's television industry, by recognising viewers' insatiable appetite for cheap, hland shows.

Broadcast magazine called: him the acknowledged king of low-cost, high-volume production". Others go further -There's no person who's had more impact on television in the Nineties than he has," says Nicholas Fraser, media commentator and editor of the BBC's Siorville documentary series. "The whole of television is full of lifestyle programmes nowadays and that is in large Bazalgette, known to all and sundry simply as "Baz", began as a news trainee at the BBC-but he quickly decided

that news was "drill", so be got himself a job as a researcher on That's Life, which was much more up his street. "The truth is that Esther Rantzen was a formative influence on the programmes that we now produce," says Bazalgette, citing That's Life's "heady mixture" of practical consumer information and human interest stories. These are two of the three elements which are now considered essential in a Bazalgette production. The final element was to be provided by his second formative influence, but that was to come much later.

He spent the Eighties as a

freelance producer, his only notable success being to turn the BBC's Food & Drink programme into the success it remains to this day. By the end of the decade he had his own company, Bazal Productions, a modest operation which he describes as "me and three typewriters in an office in North Kensington". However, as the auction for the ITV franchises approached, modest operations like Bazal Productions suddenly became very desirable properties for hig potential bidders looking to add some production cred to their partfolios. So eight years ago, Bazal Productions was bought by Broadcast Communications. the television wing of the Guardian Media Group, By 1996, the company, now called Bazal, had a turnover of around



Menu master: Peter Bazalgette (below) changed the face of lifestyle programming with Ready Stendy Cook, presented by Fern Britton (above)

BAZAL'S EMPIRE



Food and Drink (BBC2): Changing Rooms (BBC2/BBC1): Ready Steady Cook (BBC2); Celebrity Ready Steady Cook (BBC1); Ainsley's Meals in Minutes (BBC2); Can't Cook, Won't Cook (BBC1); Going, Going, Gone (BBC2); Ground Force (BBC2); Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast (BBC2); Antonio Carluccio's Southern Italian Feast (BBC2); Change That (BBC1); Househunters (ITV); Pet Rescue (Channel 4); Great House Game (Channel 5); Great Garden Game (Channel 5); Off Your Trolley (BBC2); Absolutely Animals (Channel 4); 3,000 Mile Garden (Channel 4); Strings, Bows and Bellows (BBC2); Grass Roots (ITV); Lion Country (BBC1); Metroland (ITV); The Sunday Programme (ITV)

Michael Jackson, who approached him five years ago when he was controller of BBC2 to fill a hole in his schedule with an entertaining food programme. Bazalgette and his creative team sat down and hrainstormed their way to Ready Steady Cook, in which Baz's success is due in large two teams composed of a

part to his second formative in- celebrity chef and a member of into Ready Steady Cook. 1 Michael Jackson suggestion, fluence - Channel 4 boss the public compete to concoct picked it up and looked at it and in which two couples redecorate dish in twenty minutes using a £5 bag of shopping. The programme contained practical information and human interest, but crucially it also contained a third element challenge and competition. The cocktail wasn't new, but Bazalgette was the first to give it a name. "About three months

thought, what's this? Oh, it's a leisure-based gameshow, we should do more of these'," he says. And more of them he did: Can't Cook, Won't Cook, in which a chef attempts to give guidance to a couple of culinary duffers. Going Going Gone, which had an antiques theme. Changing Rooms. again from a

each other's homes. And most recently Ground Force, in which Alan Titchmarsh and his team transform the garden of an

unsuspecting homeowner. Up until about five years ago, lifestyle programmes such as these would have been firmly moored in the backwaters of the daytime schedules, but today they're prime-time entertainments. Lifestyle is booming on our screens, and Bazalgette thinks be knows why.

"At the risk of sounding pretentious when I say this. we'te in a secular age, a postreligious age really," he says. "And one of the ways we seem to define ourselves is by our consumer behaviour. In our spare time we spend money on things we're interested in. whether it's cars, food or doing our house up. And those things aren't just what we spend our money on, it's who we are." "I've never made a show as

popular as Changing Recens before," he muses. "I've made lots of shows that in their context are very successful, but I've never had a show getting ten million hefore. I think it touches an absolute chord and I want to create other shows which trawl that deeply into the way we identify ourselves."

Bazalgette is currently looking at other areas of leisure expenditure which he hasn't yet focused on, Cars, for instance, One important factor in any new programme will be the possibilities for exploiting it in as many ways as possible. Bazalgette is keen on exploitation Ready Stendy Cook's format has been sold to around ten countries and optioned in a further twenty. Around a million Ready Steady Cook books have been sold, a live show is planned and aprons and crockery sets are already available. Bazalgette now makes more money from exploiting the brand than he does from making the programmes.

I asked him if he would actually watch any of his own programmes if it wasn't part of his job. "God, that's a very cruel question." he replied. "I'd definitely watch Changing Rooms. food shows that have a good strong challenge aspect to them, like Ready Steady Cook, although I'm not the sort of person who would make a regular date with them..."

A new light shines on a revolutionary legend

For 20 years, the woman who bore Steve Biko two children was silent. Now she speaks to Ann Treneman about their passion and politics

MAMPHELA RAMPHELE has had the kind of life that they make films about. She was a revolutionary and the longtime lover of the anti-apartheid leader Steve Biko. She gave, birth to two of his children, the last one being born shortly after he was beaten to death in: custody by South African police. For nearly 20 years she. let the gossips have their say and then decided enough wasenough. The result was her autobiography, A Life, and a history corrected. It is not so much a case of Cry Freedom as Cry Foul hexause Ms Ramphele believes that she tells her own.

story best. Now 50, Mamphela Ramphele is a major player in the new South Africa. As vicechancellor of the University of Cape Town, she holds what may be the most important academic post in the country, and last work she was in London raising funds for it. She says she'd like to think she has redefined Sometow, I don't think that is .



in dispute. Her visit to Londoo also gave her an opportunity to tell her story, which you can hear today on BBC Radio 4's programme The Choice.

It is an amazing tale and, listening to it, you can't help hut wonder if they made the wrong film. She admits that Richard Attenborough's film Cry Freedom did upset her.

"I was concerned about a distortion of history by somebody who didn't really know Steve and who was trying to the role of vice-chancellor. project Steve as a Gandhi of sorts, which he wasn't," she says.

She is a small woman with a big laugh. Her story begins at the University of Natal in the late Sixties. She arrived from her village, unsophisticated but n fast learner, and immersed herself in studeot politics. "We actually started believing that we were not going to die as the slaves that our parents and our grandparents had been. We were convinced we were going to see freedom in our lifetime," she says. "We worked every day, absolutely fired by the knowledge that freedom was going to come." She knew,

even from the first, that Steve Biko was the stuff of history. "He was absolutely stunning, very attractive, very jovial, larger than life." She describes a life of politics and parties and talks of her love for Biko only in superfatives: it was a relationship, she says, that degenerated into

But then, for someone in love, she did something odd. She married someone else.

"Naivety is the thing when you are young. You really have great difficulties making serious assessments. So even though I rest is history." And, then Sieve

was madly in love with this man, I went and married somebody else because I had made a commitment to do so. Absolutely stupid."

Not breaking the engage ment is the defining regret of her life. "Steve knew I was making the wrong decision but there was no way he could convince me. His last attempt to do so was in a letter which went right into the hands of my fiance and which I never saw. If had had, perhaps it would have had some impact. But the Ramphele's autobiography, A Life, sets straight 20 years of gossip and movie myth

Photograph: David Rose

Biko got married, "Which was also a foolish decision," she says, "but there you are. A comedy of errors and a tragedy."

Her marriage did not last long. Her husband was jealous that she and Biko were still involved with politics together and, at some point, stopped trusting her. "Then obviously I was more open to a passionate relationship with Steve. In any case, it was a fire that had simply been covered with sand Gradually the sand blew away and flames erupted."

Biko stayed married but the affair continued. Mamphela got pregnant with their first child in 1973. The baby, a daughter, died from pneumonia. "We decided not to have another child until we had sorted out this three-cornered relationship," says Mamphela. "He was married and his profile was too high for us to be seen acting irresponsibly. So we decided to be good citizens." At this she hursts out laughing. What did that mean? "Simply that we practised birth control."

But then the police cracked down and that was no longer possible. "That's why I have the police to thank for having this beautiful son. So the Lord works in mysterious ways."

At the time of Biko's death in 1977, Memphala was in hospital with a threatened miscarriage. "I got a phone call from

hear what she said. It really was like a searing pain that goes through you. You think. I won't survive this: it is impossible for me to survive the death of this man'. And yet you do, because

you have no option." At the time of his death. Sieve Biko had started divorce proceedings, "So that was the ultimate blow to finishing what

had been unfinished business." In a way the book finished it as best it could. And she was also concerned that her son, Hlumelo, should understand his own history. "Very early on I made a choice that he was going to carry his father's surname. He was a product of love and be needed to understand that."

Hlumelo is now a student of politics and history at the University of Cape Town. His mother won't say what his reaction has been but she clearly wanted Hlumelo - who never met his father - to have it written down in black and white and for the world to know her truth too. Is there any chance that one

day her version will become a film? "Well, it's not that nobody has asked me but it's still very exploratory." So does she think they made the wrong movie." She just laughs and says

Mamphela Ramphele talks to Michael Buerk today at 9am on The Choice on Radio 4: it is repeated at 9.30pm.

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THE IMPRISENDENT

The Saatchi Gallery championed the young turks of BritArt. Now it's the turn of the young Americans. By Andrew Lambirth

Real oil painting is real cool

lie art gallery in St John's Wood has been mounting landmark exhibitions one after the other, besides securing on permanent display a large and important Richard Wilson installation, (This darkling mirfor of sump oil remains on view by popular request.) The Saatchi Gallery is indeed a welcome addition to the capital's often cashstrapped museums, not least because of its policy of showing new art from abroad. Back in September 1987, Saatchi first put on an exhibition called New York Art Now. a two-part show which featured artists such as Ashley Bickerton and Jeff Koons, Recently Mr Saatchi has patriotically concentrated on buying British, mounting more than half-a-dozen YBA shows at his gallery, and finally showing a selection of the best at the Royal Academy in the Sensation exhibition. Now it would appear that he has been waving his cheque book elsewhere too; about to open at the Boundary Road establishment is Young Americans 2: New American Art at the Saatchi Gallery, another two-tier show, the first half of which will run from 30 April until i2 July.

This is the sequel to the 1996 American show which featured such notables as the pungent video artist Tony Oursier and sculptor Kiki Smith. In keeping with the times, much of the work then was installation-based, though Jacqueline Humohries showed Ian Davenport-style drip paintings. Sean Landers some conceptual canvases mostly involving writing, and Richard Prince delved into Philip Guston-like landscapes with piquant lettered-on sub-texts. On that showing, you would never have guessed that a revival of painting - painting in all its variousness and glory - was under way in the Big

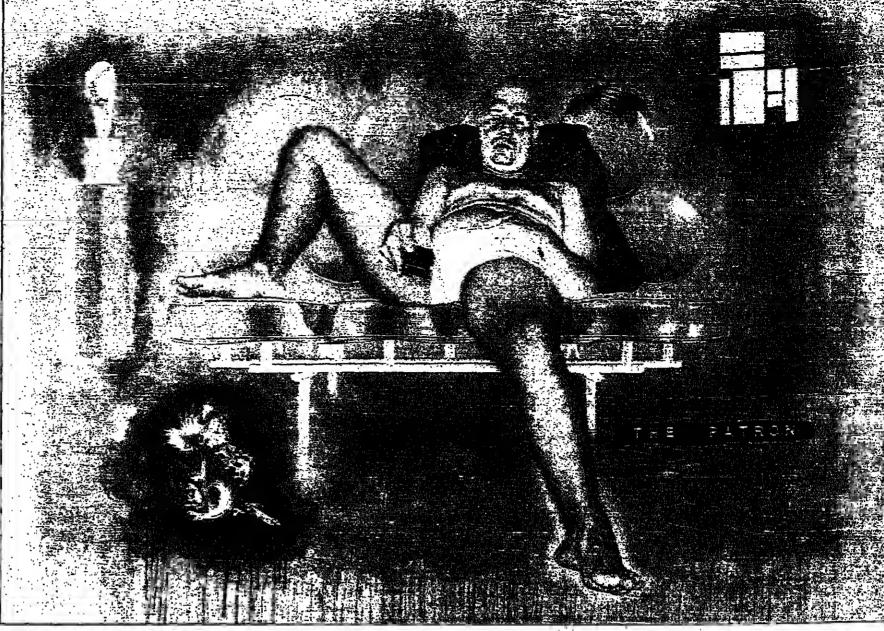
I'm not so sure that you'd immediately deduce that from Saatchi's new exhibition either. "Round up the usual suspects." 1

MR CHARLES SAATCHI has a true that Saatchi has previously lot to be thanked for. Since 1985. shown at least a couple of these his beautifully spacious semi-pub- artists - to wit, the ubiquitous Ashley Bickerton and Carroll Dunbam. Is Mr Saaichi pushed for new talent? Furthermore these two are half of a quartet of painters who are not exactly young, having made their reputations in the early 1980s. (The other pair are David Salle and Terry Winters.) For the rest, they're a a usefully mixed bunch. Flip through the catalogue, and paintings seem to predominate: of the 150-odd illustrations, more than 90 are of paintings. But there's plenty of installation and photography and some stuff that's border-line

Jessica Stockholder, for instance, makes constructions from ordinary found objects and then paints them, leading some critics (ohviously those suffering from category-control syndrome) to dub these works "paintings".

The authors of the introductory essay in the Saatchi catalogue -Lisa Liehmann and Brooke Adams -identify a general state of "imagistic and intellectual flux" operative across the pond. (Is it really just as pluralistic over there as here?) They admit: "Nobody knows what's really been going on with art these days in the States." They do, however, pay close consideration to the work of Terry Winters (born 1949). who was recently heralded by the art critic of *The Village Voice* as the saviour of paint. Liebmann and Adams write that Winters' early 1990s paintings "packed an undesignerly, visceral punch, which was just what this perennial Lazarus of a medium was supposedly lacking". They also laud the "advanced demotic realism" of John Currin (born 1962).

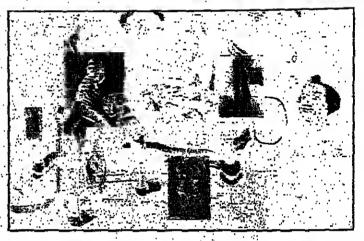
Both these painters are mentioned with exemplary gusto in a forthcoming article by the artist Cecily Rose Brown (born 1969). Entitled "The Pleasure Principle" and due to be published in the May/June issue of Flash Art, that repository of the fashionable and directory of the happening, the article anatomises the New York art





The Patron by Ashley Bickerton (above), Terry Winters' Graphic Primitives I (left) and David Salle's Dean Mortin in 'Some Came Running'

Photographs: Saatchi Gallery & David Salle/VAGA, NY and DACS



painting, and it makes very interesting reading.

Brown is a young English painter who trained at the Slade before moving to New York in 1994. Her first solo show there last year was a sell-out, with Charles Saatchi competing with the president of New York's Museum of Modern Art to buy pictures. Brown says that living and working in New York released her art, allowing her to make the kind of rich figurative paintings for which she has become known. These, she felt, were quite at odds with the prevailing Young British mentality of Hirst, Hume et al. In Britain her work didn't fit: she had to become an exile in order to develop as she needed.

In London, Brown says she was made to feel that painting the human figure in oil on canvas was a reprehensible, uncool and reactionary occupation. As she writes: "I felt shame for my pleasure in hear the sceptic cry, and yes, it is world with particular reference to painting, my predilection for emo-

tionally charged subjects and for my love of dead painters." Eventually she gave up - thankfully only briefly. New York gave her the context in which to work again, and at full-throttle. "This is an intoxicating time to be painting." she says, "and New York an exhilarating and sympathetic climate; the mood is generous and open and eclectic". She instances other painters she feels an affinity with - John Currin, Giles Lyon, Damien Loeb and Michael Bevilacqua among them. What makes New York such a

stimulating ambience for these artists? One thing to their advantage, as Brown sees it, is their relative time-distance from any major movement in painting. Bacon and de Kooning are dead, and though there are those who kept painting alive (she mentions Chuck Close, Alex Katz and Terry Winters), "most of the painting of the Eighties is so foreign in terms of sensibility that it is easy to almost forget all about it". er Jeffrey Deitch showed, way back

Cecily Brown herself paints huge baroque panoramas of intricate socio-sexual activity. She can orchestrate large casts brilliantly and designs her pictures like a new Ruhens or Tiepolo. Her colour and imagery are rich, her technical knowledge increasingly assured. She even goes to the extreme old mastery length of varnishing ber paintings (technique is back!) And she knows how to draw, having been taught by the redoubtable Maggi Hambling.

If she and the very loosely associated group of painters she mentions in her article keep up the pace, the world's museum curators and jet-set private collectors will be patrolling the lofts and galleries of Manhattan more eagerly than ever before.

An indication of the changing mood on the New York gallery circuit is Cecily Brown's own recent experience. She was the first painter that the trendy contemporary dealin the spring of 1997. Before that his gallery had been the locus of ultra-cool installations. The decision to show paintings as the coming thing thus represented a radical shift in the concept of what is and what can be hip. Following her initial success.

Brown was offered another show within a year. This exhibition of her from 24 April to 30 May at Deitch Projects, 76 Grand Street, New York 100013. It looks set to be another . Is New York then poised for a

comeback? The New York School of Pollock, de Kooning and Warhol dominated the international painting scene from 1945, but in recent years it has rather run out of steam. Many commentators look to Britain for the new stars, and are ready and willing to crown the first pretender

who makes enough noise. To be fair, there is quite a lot of experimentation being done over

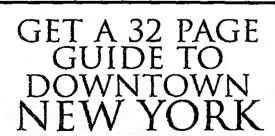
here in the name of painting - but it's still rather as if our young artists had just discovered the wheel and were very pleased with their inven-tion. They seem strangely disabled through a lack of interest in the past: as if anything pre-20th Century had nothing to do with them.

One of the strengths of the painting currently being done in new work, entitled *High Society*, runs New York is its awareness of past art, of the great tradition of oil painting. This awareness does not make contemporary work look tra-ditional, it merely enriches it with a sense of art as a continuum. So it seems that real painting is alive and well and living in New York. Which means that it will be back over here in a few years' time when the Brits have caught up. In the meantime, take the plane.

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A BIT more soothing - John Butler's 18in call limewood model Portrait of My Wife as a Comfy Chair. Butler, 50, says: 'My wife is motherly and wellupholstered. Children sit on her lap because she's warm and cuddly. A friend told her 'you're just like an armchair'. so I made the model. I thought she might be offended, but she says 'It's really lovely'." The chair is £850 and is among 458 exhibits at the Academicians' Exhibition, until 16 May at the Royal West of England Acade my, Queen's Road, Clifton. Bristol (0117 973 5129).





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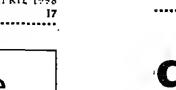
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Do drink the water - wash with it, too "And diabetes?" "Absolutely. In the days of yore it was diagnosed by tasting." confidence." DR PHIL HAMMOND

"Morning Mrs Underhill What can I do for you?" "It's about our Terry. He's started washing in urine."

"His own?" "And?"

poured it up your nose... drink it deliberately?"

"Now why would he want to do a thing like that?" "Lots of people do. In India, they have been doing it for 5,000 years, in Japan for 2,000, and the Romans and Greeks were into urine ther-

"Who knows? Some

hody do it? What's the

"Well, drinkers believe that it improves general health and well being, gives you energy and calms you down. Some even think that as your wrine is formed, it picks up vital messages about your body's immune system and retains them - rather like homeopathie remedies are said to have a memory."

"Yes, but won't it do you

"Only if that's all you

What does it taste like?"

"MORNING doctor."

"So far as I know."

"And nothing really. That's it. He shampoos in it, he dabs it on his face and he flushes it up his nose." "Does he swallow it?"

"Well, I suppose you would swallow a hit if you "No. I mean does he

apy long before Christ." "He didn't do it as well, did he?"

claim it's endorsed in the good book: 'Drink waters out of thine own cistem and running waters out of thine own well.' Proverbs 5: 15-17."

Yes, but why would any-

"And what do you think?" There's no proof for any of it, but if you believe drinking your own pee will make you feel better then I'm sure it will."

any harm?"

drink. If you go for a sterile mid-stream sample and limit yourself to a cup or two a day, it probably won't harm you."

"I've only ever tried it on rugby tour and I can't quite remember. But I know one woman who claims she can detect her diet from the taste

of her urine. Apple crumble makes it sweet, for example."

"Doesn't it make your breath stink?"

"Strangely not. The drinkers I know have honeyfresh breath and kiss with

"That's what I'm most worried about with our Terry. He's been single for five years now and it's about time he settled down. But who in there right mind would marry someone who washes his

hair in pee?" "Does it smell?"

"No. Not so you'd notice." "Does it look clean?" *Oh yes, it's got plenty of bounce.

There you are then. No one's going to know and if they use the bathroom, they will think it's haby shampoo."

"So, you don't think he'll stink the house out? Only, the girls from the weight-watching class come round on a Wednesday and you know how bitchy they can be?"

"For some reason, people who wash in urine don't smell and neither do their houses. In fact, a woman I met says she gets more hugs than ever when she bathes in it because her friends think she smells more 'me-ish'."

"Our Terry says I should put some on my skin. I get dreadful athlete's foot."

"Well, there's more sense in dabbing than swallowing. Fresh urine is sterile, contains urea, a moisturiser in many proprietary skin creams and is toxic to bacteria and funci." "So it might work?"

"Absolutely, Peter Tatchell swears by it, and so did my maternal grandmother."

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contact: Beth Wagstaff, with her six-year-old son Ben. 'When I was first diagnosed with breast cancer, I found myself very isolated,' she says

common," retails beth, "Ma-

tual friends, interests, young

children and, of course, the can-

cer. We only had a short time.

together because there were so

many other demands but there

was a closeness between us. I

remember us sitting on the

bed and wondering what the

world would be like without us.

hole in my life from which I

have never really recovered, which is extraordinary given the

shortness of our relationship."

launched in Ruth's memory on

1 May - her birthday - is Beth's

attempt to fill that gap. The

hunch will coincide with the

The Lavender Trust, to be

"When Ruth died it left a big

Too young for all that

New fund founded in memory of Ruth Picardie aims to help younger breast cancer sufferers. Nicole Veash reports

NEWS that the columns Ruth Picardie wrote before she died, along with some correspondence, were to appear as an anthology puzzled me, writes Hilly James...

saying something silly like it was

a pleasure to take my clothes

off in front of a group of young

men. Ruth saw it, realised I was

a younger woman with breast

cancer and tracked me down."

For a fleeting moment, the .

two women's lives co-incided.

ided last year. Married to somebody's daughter. None of

is Seaton, she was the the other women imagined that

cer of two-year-old twins, I could have breast cancer. I re-

oand loe, and a journalist -member thinking: Why have I

itamong other papers. The got this disease? No one else my

300 young women afflict- It was through a chance

Ith breast cancer each year. note pinned up on a hospital

ke Linda McCarmey, who anoticeboard that Ruth and

aid when she died, the ma- Beth first got in touch. "It was

r of breast cancer sufferers after my first bout of chemo

"their 50s, 60s or 70s. Older treatment," says Beth. "I sent

cen are targeted with regu- a thank you card to the doctors

oendent. She was also one age is affected."

recening and they tend to

are in advertising campaigns.

kon't hear much about the

I:r cent of pre-menopausal

cen with the disease. Yet in

proup, breast cancer can take

Type aggressive form.

John Toy, director of

ial programmes at the Can-

: Research Campaign says:

Elence suggests that breast

arr is more aggressive in

is younger women. This is

one case with all patients.

or cancers have receptors on

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ow a new fund has been set

p fill the gap in are services

oyounger women. Called

Lavender Trust, it is the

rachild of Beth Wagstaff, a car-old mother of three

liten under 11 and deputy

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tr Council. She was a friend

Ruth's and she also has

rst cancer, which has spread

When I was first diagnosed

n95 I found myself very iso-

al." she says. "I would go to

telinic for an appointment

c in some individuals."

Dazzling and moving as they were, Ruth only managed half-a-dozen pieces. and even fleshed out with readers' letters and the painfully honest and eloquent account of her death by her husband, Macr. Seaton, I. couldn't quite see how that made a book. And what more was there to say?

I was wrong. Picking Before I Say Goodbye up one evening, I read until t had

finished it later that night. Although plenty was so distressingly familiar in its slender 100 or so pages,

UH Picardie was 33 when and often be mistaken for "We seemed to have a lot in Ruth's award-winning columns,

much was a revelation. The case it makes for e-mail as a medium for expressing innermost feelings on the most painful of subjects is compelling. Ruth used it for everything from sharing her feelings about death with an HiV-positive friend, to exchanging her trademark girlie banter on

frocks, food and face cream. The letters are mostly from complete strangers, hut whom Ruth touched in the most tender places: a young

man who lay awake watching his girlfriend one night, newly aware of how precious and fragile she was; the young woman whose beloved father had recently died of cancer.

Before I Say Goodleye, as a Ten-

guin paperback (see panel) and

there will be a benefit concert

organised by The Observer at the

port and care services for young

women afflicted with breast

cancer. Working under the aus-

pices of Breast Cancer Care, the

trust's founders plan to set up

a nationwide network of support

groups. "At the moment there

is only one place where younger

women can meet each other and

that's in London, which is

ridiculous," says Beth. "I know

how important it is to have

someone of your own age to talk

to and American research

The trust will provide sup-

ICA in London on Saturday.

One reason for buying this book is that for every copy sold, 10p goes to The Lavender Trust. But there is another: for anyone suffering from a terminal illness, or dealing with the imminent or recent death of a loved one. it is simply one of the most profound sources of comfort you could hope to find. 'Before I Say Goodbye' is published on 7 May by Penguin, Drice £5.99.



when terminally ill can increase

your life span by to mounts."

70-year-old woman who is up-

set that she is not going to see

her grandchildren grow up

when you are facing the

prospect that you will not see

your own children grow up,"

says Beth. "Also leaving a young

partner, who has to cope with

a young family is a very differ-

jobs and provide financially for

our families. We can't make sup-

trust, which aims to raise £1m.

will not take resources away

from older women affected by

Beth is adamant that the

"And there is the economic

side. Many of us hold full-time you up. We want to pay for an

ent burden to deal with,

port meetings at 11am."

"It is difficult to relate to a

breast cancer. "We want to

increase the pie by attracting

extra funds and not try to

It also intends to provide

divide what is in the kitty."

support for bereaved part-

ners. And it wants to make a

difference providing the spe-

cial things in life. Beth ex-

plains: "If you feel bad about

your body image because you

might have no hair or your

weight has ballooned, there

has to be something to pick

aromatherapy massage be-

fore a chemotherapy session,

for example, or perhaps pro-

vide a new outfit because

many women can't afford new

clothes when Steroids make

thing more worthwhile than

supporting other women like

Ruth and myself. And if I

don't do it now, I might not

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be able to next year."

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"I really can't think of any-

them expand three sizes."

Dazzling and moving

lolic acid - the latest wonder-vitamin?

R THE past 20 years a sive, have not been confirmed. uner of vitamins have enod their 15 minutes of fame. figh doses of vitamin C. or thought to protect against Ber and vitamin E was hailed a defence against heart diser. In most cases, the early thes though at first persua-

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The best that researchers have been able to offer is the old advice to eat a balanced diet with pleaty of fruit and vegetables.

Now scientists have become excited about folic acid, one of the constituents of the vitamin B complex. Its influence is being investigated on a range of conditions, from birth defects to heart disease to dementia.

Confidence in its benefits is high enough for the US Food and Drug Administration 10 have decreed, as of 1 January, that all flour and cereals sold in America must be fortified with it. In the UK, a similar move is being considered by the Government's Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy.

So, could folic acid be "the biggest thing since the discovery that hygiene was important to health", as one excitable re-

searcher suggested last week? Derived from "foliage", folic acid is found in dark green leafy vegetables, such as brussels sprouts, spinach, and green beans, and in oranges and liver, but it is difficult to get an adequate daily dose from the diet alone. Some UK manufacturers add it to breakfast cereals and eads, but it is not mandatory.

It has long been known to

prevent neural tube defects,

such as spina bilida in the de-

veloping foetus, and supple-

ments are routinely given to

pregnant women. Latest stud-

ies suggest that it may also be

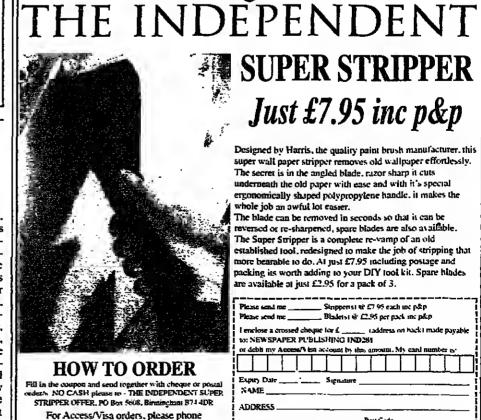
effective in preventing heart attacks and strokes. Cardiovascular disease is known to be linked with high levels of homocysteine, an amino acid, in the blood. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine this month showed that giving folic acid supplements to people with cardiovascular disease successfully lowered their homocysteine levels, theoretically

reducing their risk of an attack. Yesterday, researchers from Oxford University presented evidence at an international conference in the Netherlands that the brains of people who died from Alzheimer's disease bad high homocysteine levels in their blood which might trigger a "vascular event" interrupting

the blood supply to the brain. These are preliminary findings which require follow-up studies to see if giving folic acid supplements can prevent the condition. But some specialists believe the evidence on other fronts is already strong enough. Dr Mary Ward, a nutrition-

ist at the University of Ulster. who has researched folic acid. said: "I am not a great advocate of multivitamins because people can overdose on them and if they eat a balanced diet they shouldn't need them. But there does seem to be an argument for taking folic acid supplements. I would advocate them for everyone."

Jeremy Laurance



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Honourable ladies in a legal tangle

IT IS a year since Blair's babes arrived at Westminster, On 1 May 1997, 101 women were elected for the Lubour Party in Parliament. It was a record. Their numbers were and remain the envy of Paddy Ashdown and William Hague. It was also a vindication of the Labour Party's positive action to promote the number of females in the House of Commons. Let us remind ourselves about the dread warnings we heard before the election that these women would be out of their depth. that they would be undermined for being there by reasons other than on merit and that their assumed incompetence would drag down Parliament's presuge.

Well, there has been some sniping. And they have provided a few notable disappointments. But, on the whole, New Labour's honourable ladies have proved to be assets to the Prime Minister's party. We would defy anyone to pick our those women members who were selected on an all-women shordist from those who were not. And the influence of the new intake may in time help Parliament to modernise and shake off some of its more absurd anachronisms and the Louded outlook of some of its lads. More importantly, simply by being there they help the institution to be more representative, although women still only represent 18 per cent of the membership of the Commons. As the elections to the myriad new assemblies and the European Parliament approach, all of the parties are thrushing around for ways to boost the representation of women in politics. The Labour Party in Wales last night decided that it didn't know what to do, it could not even follow the example of its sister party in Scotland except to the extent that whatever it ends up with will be complicated. However, when the executive of the Welsh Labour Party even thinks about such a radical proposal it is time to take note and start thinking afresh about female rep-

The mechanism of the Scottish (and maybe the Welsh) system consists of "twinning" - providing for one safe seat in the respective bodies to be reserved for a woman for every safe seat where a man is the candidate. The Liberal Democrats have dreamed up a different scam for the European elections. Their system of "zipping" means that men and women are alternated down the list of party candidates for the large Euro-seats. This is designed to achieve a gender balance. The objection to these systems is not that they are complex, which they are; or that they are in effect discriminatory, which is also true. It is rather that they are unreliable because the legal framework makes their operation at best hazardous. Simply put, we do not seem to know what the law allows us to do. It is thus impossible for the political parties to design systems that are ideal. At least we should be sure about what we would like the law to allow us to do.

The higgest single obstacle now facing positive action we should call "legalism". Huge resources have been and will continue to be swallowed up in drenming up ever more crafty dodges to get round the legal obstacles. And there are potentially as many roadblocks on the course of progress as there are lawyers to give you an opinion about what may or may not be lawful under statute, judge-made, English, European, Scottish or Martian law. These are substantial problems. They put the kibosh on the womenonly shortlists policy that Labour pursued for a time in the last parliament (not, by the way, our ideal method of promoting women). The views of Lord Irvine on the possibilities of boosting the number of women in the Scottish Parliament were also unhelpful.

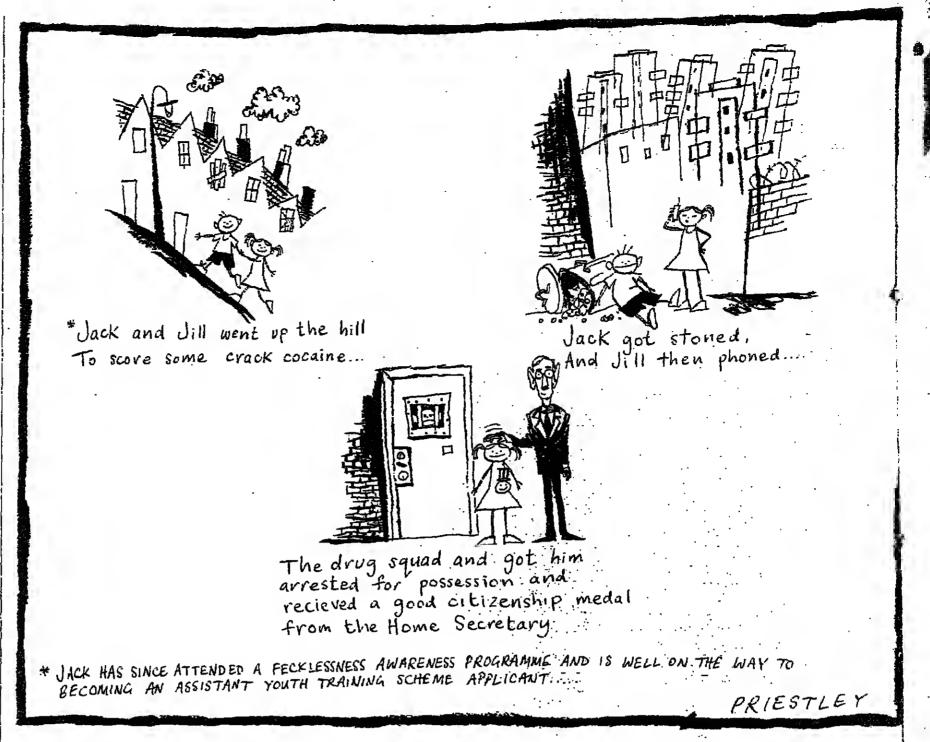
But this is a political issue with a strong imperative. We do not want to live under a system of female tokenism. Margaret Thatcher has written about her difficulties with the attitudes of some local selection panels, and the "hur) and humiliation" they caused. She described her position in Ted Heath's shadow cabinet: "I was principally there as the statutory woman to explain what women" - Kiri Te Kanawa, Barbara Cartland, Esther Rantzen. Stella Rimington and all the rest of our uniform, undifferentiated sex were likely to think and want on troublesome issues." We cannot be assured that these attitudes have disappeared. This is the reason why some legal circumlocations that have led to almost universal confusion about the matter. Political parties, provided they come to their conclusions democratically, have every right to try and govern their affairs as they wish. It is obvious that politics and elections present a special case to the general approach of outlawing sexual discrimination in employment. It is time to change the law, if necessary at a European level.

In the meantime politicians of all parties, and especially in the Goverument, have a wide range of institutions where they can try to further the cause of women even at the expense of tut-tutting from lawyers; in Scotland. Wales, Europe, London, local authorities and for the replacement for the House of Lords there is much that can be done. All that is needed is the political will that the voters showed last year to give the system a firm kick in the ballots

One for the money ...

SO YOU thought Rod Stewart was just a 53-year-old rock star with a sagging backside in a pair of super-right leopardskin pants? Well he isn't. And Rachel Hunt is not the only one who thinks he's sexy. He has sailed across the Atlantic and signed a deal with the brokers Nomura. Mr Stewart will receive a loan of \$15.4m (£9.2m) against his future earnings from royalties on his classic recordings. This loan will be securifised, which means that, if you were so inclined, you could own a part of Rod in terms of running a claim on his future carnings.

But the first cut was the deepest. The man who really sold the world was David Bowie who raised \$55m against his future income in a deal with the US investment bank Fahnestock. But its not just diamond dogs like these top stars who can go in for securitisation. The Rod Bond suggests that these big finance houses can engineer anything. Why, the day may come when any old baby Jane could tell the banks that "tonight I'm yours". Sadly most of us are unlikely to command the same kind of sums as Rod. But then again, some guys have all the luck.



Gays and the church

JOHN LYTTLE has seriously misrepresented OutRagel's stance on outing ("Self-righteous hrotber", 23 April J. We would never out a private individual, and would out a public figure only if they were abusing their power to harm the gay community. No one has been outed by us because they are guy. It is because they are hypocrites and homophones.

The claim that OutRage! is conducting a "reign of terror" is ludicrous. OutRage! once - four years ago - asked ten Anglican hishops to "tell the truth". No other people have been named by OutRage!.

Bishops who endorse church homophobia in public, despite their own private homosexuality, should not complain if their hypocrisy is exposed, it may have caused the bishfound out, but that is a minor in- would make him unclean. fering they have helped inflict on other gay people. DAVE ALLISION

Loudon W7

CRAIG ANDERSON (letter, 23 April) finds hiblical condemnation of homosexuality clear-cut. I wonder if he is as comfortable with the host of other laws of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, such as the stoning of blasphemers (Lev 24:16) and adulterers (Deut 22:22), the ostracising of menstrunting and newly delivered women (Lev 12:2-5: 15:19), and making animal sacrifices to atome for THE REV Neil Dawson, in his letnadvertent breach of a Commandment (Lev 4).

As well as providing a moral code, the purpose of many of these laws appears to have been to identify and distinguish the Israelites socially and culturally from other peoples (Gentiles) and their customs. One of these peoples were the Greeks, whose culture is part of our heritage. I would also refer Mr Anderson to the New Testament and Jesus' charge that the Pharisees observe the tradition of the law rather than the word of God (Matthew 15:3-6; Mark 7:8-9). HELEN KRAUS

LETTERS

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CRAIG ANDERSON's letter 123 April) illustrates precisely the problem I was referring to in my own letter (20 April).

The Hebrew word, which is translated as "detestable" in his Bible and as "abomination" in the authorised version, is "toevah". This is a technical religious word to describe something which is ritually unclean or alien. The word is strongly linked The Rev GUY A DAVIES to foreigners and often appears as Sturminster Newton, Dorset part of a stock phrase "toevah ha-goyim" - "the uncleanness of the foreigners". A Jew would not enter the ops some embarrassment to he house of a foreigner for fear that it

> mosexual behaviour as a sin or an injustice they would more plausibly have used the word "zinuh". The biblical evidence is not as straightforward as Mr Anderson thinks.

> But in any case the Bible cannot he used in this way. We do not accept all the teaching in Leviticus; it no longer accords with our knowledge, or our Christian understanding of justice or humanity, and verse 22 of chapter 18 is an example of this. The Rev NEIL DAWSON St Paul's, Knightsbridge

ter of 30 April asserts that those who regard homosexuality as sinful are gully of poor biblical scholarship, prejudice, hypocrisy and are ill-informed. The issue cannot be decided by name-calling.

The biblical teaching on sex is that God created male and female human beings in his own image and that sex is for married male/female couples alone. The Bible as a whole condemns all distortion of this basic principle, whether pre-marital sex. adultery or homosexuality.

The Bible's teaching on sex is consistent from beginning to end. It does not belong with those parts of the Bible that spoke to a unique point in salvation history, such as the Old Testament holy wars.

If the Church is cowed by the growing homosexual lobby and its supporters into jettisoning biblical teaching on homosexual sex, then she will have failed in her calling to challeage a sinful world with the sometimes uncomfortable light of God's

Caring for Ludlow

FEW would disagree with Sir Julian Critchley ("Saving the view from the bridge", 18 April) that Ludlow is a pearl of English townscape.

The historic fabric of the town is lovingly tended by its owners, mostly, like Sir Julian, private householders. But the local planning authority cares just as passionately about the town and spends considerable resources on it.

The old swimming pool will be expensive to demolish, the funds for . which may have to come from redevelopment. Development on the site is hardly shocking, as it has had mill huildings on it for centuries, as seen in the Turner watercolour. The rejected scheme for the site was carefully designed to give the impression of mill buildings.

Ludlow is a working market town and not a museum. The keys to its future are its prosperity and its historic fabric. Market towns will not survive unless the market has the facilities it needs to operate. The council is as keen as Sir Julian not to have the town decline because of out-of-town retailing and has successfully resisted proposals of this kind. But Ludlow's butchers and other shops continue to thrive because they provide a good service; not because there is no Tesco. Ludlow shops have much to gain from new trade which will be attracted by a

Until recently, all the land at Galtows Bank was zoned for bousing.

The Council has agreed to allow some of it to be retained as open space, just as Sir Julian suggests. As for the development of fields to the south of the town, no such thing is proposed in either the current local plan or its proposed replacement. JAMES CAIRD

Head of Planning and Building

South Shropshire District Council Ludlow: Shropshire

After the dance

happens after the last dance is over?" 17 April) as saying that when she first became executive director of the Dancers' Resettlement Fund, for many dancers retirement equalled death. This is hard to understand since Miss Yates's predecessor, Margaret Lawford Wilson, was responsible for running the fund soon after the Arts Council, with Equity, launched it in 1973,

Margaret advised dancers on retraining and other opportunities for about fifteen years until her untimely death and no dancer eligible for assistance from the fund was ever left to feel there was no future once their dancing days were over. The estab-. lishment of the fund was in fact one of the most important achievements of my advisers during my two decades of responsibility for dance at the Arts Council.

I am happy to agree with the final paragraph about dancers' strengths. Margaret had little difficulty in "selling" dancers to those responsible for training schemes since dancers became renowned very carly on for their discipline and singlemindedness. JANE NICHOLAS

Council of Great Britain 1979-89

London Wo The writer was dance director, Arts

Spirit of the People

SOMEONE should tell Suzar Moore 1"A National Obsession" April) that the People's World C is just like the People's Diana People's Millennium Dame. People's Lottery, the People's Mi or for London and, when it com the People's Euro.

Sensible reservations like here: not just irrelevant, they are mea ingless, since the assence of all the packages as they are sold to us is a objectivity, but enthusiasm. They a not intended to be approached in spirit of calm disinterest - that's to boffins. To criticise a People's Eve is to show that you don't leel part it. If you don't feel part of it, you' not part of New Britain. It you're it part of New Britain you're an old thinker. If you're an old-thinke you're not entitled to criticise.

Game, set and match to the Ne

Flag of inconvenience ONCE AGAIN (24 April) some

has written to point out that th Union Flag has been flown upsid down, and that this is a "distress sig nal". Is this just a myth? It seems up likely to be true, because it i obviously very easy to fly the Unio Flag upside down inadversently, it very difficult to tell at a cland which way up the flug is and then are unambiguous distress signa flags for different situations such a fire, and so on. Can anyone shed an ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

St John's College, Oxford

Bishop on a bike

PATRICK LOCKE, the Church Commissioners' Secretary, tells rul J. ers that hishops are provided with suitable cars in the 1.6 to 2.3 little range and sometimes with a driver (tetter, 24 April). I understand that when the late Trevor Huddleston was bishop of Masasi he went everywhere by pushbike. JR HEATH

Titanic collides with a giant turtle in the fact-free zone



KINGTON

"TALKING about Cool Britannia and things cool and uncool," said the man at the bar, "I saw a list in the paper the other day of things that were cool, and places that were cool, and I thought to myself; a guide to what is cool is not cool, whatever

"I tell you one thing that is not cool." said the landlord, "and that is the Osears. Why does anyone bother?"

"If there was anything cool about the Oscars, they wouldn't have given every prize to Tunue: they'd have given half of them to The Full Moray," said the man with the

"Oh, come ON!" said the man with the rolled-up evening paper. "There's nothing cool about The full Monty, It's cool NOT

"And where do YOU stand on The Full Monry?" said the lady with the Campari. "Haven't seen it."

"Have you seen Tiumic?"

"There you are, then!" said the lady with the Campari triumphantly.

Where am 1?" said the man. "If you baven't seen it, you shouldn't talk

You mean," said the man, now waving his rolled-up paper. "never talk about things you haven't experienced personally! And therefore we should never talk about Australia, or Concorde, or the 19th century, or ... or ... ?

"The thing about the film Titunic." said the man at the har, heading the conversation off before it hit an iceberg, "is that, as everyone has pointed out, it got more Oscars than any film since Ben Hur. What no one has pointed out is that Ben Hur was also a rotten film. It is never revived, never written about, never seen and never featured in a list of My Top 100 Films. If I had made

Titanic. Fd bc worried.

"If I'd made Tuanic," said the man with the dog. "I'd change my name. James Cameron was the name of a great journalist. I don't think people who do special effects films should be allowed to use it."

The man I feet sorry for is Leonardo diCaprio." said the tady with the Campari. What's to be sorry about?" chorded. yes choriled, the man at the bar. "Poor old Leonardo! Sinking under the weight of so

many Oscars! So many admiring women!" "What's hrave about him is sporting the name 'Leonardo'," she said stouth: "It's bad enough using a foreign name in America. hut being named after a Ninja mutant

"He wasn't actually named after a turtle." said someone helpfully.

I know that, dear," said the lady scornfully, "hut the American public doesn't know that. The American public doesn't

know anything. The American public can't he trusted to pronounce Aida properly. The American public thinks that Donatello is a turtle and they'll think that Leonardo Di-Caprio is named after one ..

We're all very proud of knowing that Donatello was a painter," muttered the resident Welshman. But I bet nobody can name any of bis paintings.

"And now." the lady with the Campari cruised on, "now poor old Leonardo Di-Caprio has had to shorten his name from Leonardo to Leo, Leo DiCaprio. Not quite the same ring."

"From being the only film star named after a turtle," said the man at the bar, "he has become the only film star named after

There was a tense silence in the puh as everyone raced mentally to be the first person to think of another star sign which might be interpreted as a film star's name. I heard

someone muttering."Gemini trons" under his breath, but nobody said anything out loud, so I ventured to interject:-"Donato di Betto Bardi."

"Who's he when he's at home?" said the Campari lady.

"That's Donatello's reat name." I said. "And the reason we can't name any of his paintings is that he didn't do any. He was a sculptor, not a painter."

.There was a long silence. I realised, too late, that, by being unable to resist showir.g off, I had broken the golden rule of pub conversation: Facts Are Two A Penny, But Opinion Is Sacred. That is why pub quizzes were invented. To liberate pub conversation from mere fact and keep it free for prej-

"Sorry," I said. "I'll do the honourable thing and go home."

And I did. After all, I'd been looking for an excuse to leave for an hour or more.

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Should Mary Bell be paid for telling her story to an author?



ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST DEFENCE

WHAT is the public interest in a further book about Mary Bell, the child murderess? That is the key question in a controversy which has blown up about whether Bell should have been paid for her collaboration by the author, Gita Sereny. While the public interest can support many things, even the early release of terrorist killers from prison in Northern Ireland, it should never be pleaded lightly. Nonetheless it is the essence of the case put. forward by the distinguished writer.

She said over the weekend that unprecelented access to Bell, for which she had had to pay, had helped her to produce a serious analysis of the reasons why children become killers. "which can only be in the public interest". And she added: "There are no excuses : for what she did and she herself admits that, hut it is an explanation we have never had before. It is important to have such knowl-

Sereny has already written one book onthe subject - The Case of Mary Bell. It was published in 1972, four years after Bell, then aged 11, had been convicted for the manslaughter - rather than the murder - of two boys, aged four and three, on the grounds of diminished responsibility. She was given a life sentence in December, 1968 and released from prison in 1980. I haven't read The Case of Mary Bell, but having enjoyed Sereny's study of Albert Speer, Hitler's overlord of the Nazi war economy, I can well believe that the 1972 publication was thorgugh and perceptive, albeit lacking Bell's reflections.

However we should not have to wait for a journalist to turn up, read the evidence, conduct interviews, hand out money to a convicted killer and write a book in order to learn more about the minds of child murderers. The undoubted public interest in understanding why children occasionally kill children - there have been, thankfully, only 27 recorded occurrences in Britain in the past 250 years including the Bulger case - would probably best se served by professional psychiatrists work- wondering whether Sereny's payment has ng in prisons and comparing what they learn not had the effect of putting Bell into a betwith work done elsewhere. Except that, dis-ter financial position than the ones in gracefully, nothing like that seems to have which they find themselves, they who are

The judge wanted to place Bell into slaughtered children. indefinite psychiatric care. But such accommodation was not available and instead Mr public interest in the book, seeing how great Justice Cusack had to pass a life sentence. He are the disadvantages of the endeavour? Alas, the resources of this country, it appears there not give an answer. But Sereny is a compasis no hospital available which is suitable for sionate woman with a belief in the innate the accommodation of this girl." What hap-goodness of human beings which she has held pened to Bell is barely credible.

all, despite having been charged on the ated much human misery. I hope she hasn't footing of "diminished responsibility". Instead made a mistake in returning to the case of she went to a remand home for children in . Mary Bell and that her work will justify her London. But as a result of the objections of methods.

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approved school for boys - yes, boys, 22 of them! On reaching 16 she was transferred to a woman's prison in Cheshire and then to an open prison in Staffordshire.

While these are the classic conditions under which publishers can plead the public interest - when the state has manifestly failed to do what we expect of it - they are not sufficient. Certainly it seems that there has been only Sereny to analyse the Bell case and to point out the lessons. That fact is not necessarily enough, however, to exculpate her or her publishers from the criticisms that have been made. Even the Prime Minister has intervened and asked the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, to look into the matter.

-The point about relying upon the public interest as justification, is that it always carries with it a cost, or a disadvantage. Otherwise it would not be necessary to call upon such a lofty notion as explanation for one's actions. What are the minuses here?

I put in first place the renewed suffering of the families of the two victims. The mother of Martin Brown, June Richardson, said: "It's like Martin has been killed all over again." The other parents were too distressed

to speak of their feelings. A second minus is the issue which attracted the headlines - the payment to Mary Bell. It was first stated to have been £50,000, but Gita Sereny says that this is a figure plucked out of the air - as most probably it was. She admits that yes. Bell did receive some money "from me", but she does not indicate how much. It is puzzling that the author should have felt the need to pay. As soon as a reporter offers money for information, he or she is subject to the risk that material will be invented, or at least embroidered, simply to

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please the buyer and attract more funds. And if you are dealing with the childhood memories and the half-submerged recollections of an unhappy girl whose mother was a prostitute specialising in sado-masochism and whose father was a drunken, petty criminal, then the difficulties are all the greater.

There is finally the aspect of the transaction which Sereny is far too intelligent and experienced not to have noticed - providing a monetary reward for the perpetrator of a crime, albeit long after the event and therefore not illegal. The families must be

I can rephrase my question: what is the said: "It is a most unhappy thing that in all as publication is not due for a few days, I can--onto through a long life. She has, in differ-She received no psychiatric treatment at ent parts of Europe, confronted and allevi-

If you want to find true British values today, look to black youth

A close look at race across Britain has persuaded Sir Peregrine Worsthorne

to abandon his racial prejduices

WHILE spending a fortnight filming a programme on race. I listened to a great many views, including those of black and white police officers, soldiers, teachers, children, sportsmen and many others.

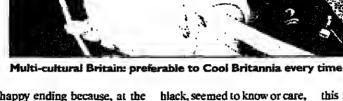
Television is good at communicating visual images and very bad at communicating ideas. Because of that, I rather doubt whether anyone watching me and Darcus Howe, the radical black journalist who shared my investigations, was much the wiser about where we stand on this great issue at the end than at the beginning of Channel 4's England, My England last Sunday night. Indeed. I am still a hit muddled myself.

Race is still a problem for some of my generation. No longer because we regard hlacks as inferior hut because, having done so in the past, traces of that prejudice remain in the blood despite being banished from the brain,

Looking back I am amazed about the depth of racist indoctrination which I received at school and in the home not explicitly but implicitly. At the best hlacks were regarded as delinquent children and at the worst cannibals and savages. For years those assumptions lingered, scriously affecting my reporting on the de-colonising process in Africa.

India, of course, was another matter. There snobbery came into the picture and polo-playing Maharajahs were grand enough to be treated as honorary gentlemen. Not so African chiefs. I remember in the early 1960s visiting a Ghanaian chief, king of the Ashanti, who was living in what was more like a chicken coop than a palace. His black subjects apbut white visitors scarcely bothered to take off their hats. No, we should admit that

our colonial treatment of blacks was not a pretty story. But that is all in the past. I am glad to say that in all our travels around the country Darcus met nothing but deference. The only hint of racism we encountered was on the terraces during a football match when a white lout tried to attack Darcus and yelled obscenities at him. But even that ngly incident had a



fender to apologise. At my old school, Stowe in Buckinghamshire, Darcus's became evident that so much prowess in the cricket nets assured him a hero's welcome. go on in multi-racial schools -Unlike in my day before World War II when there was not a black face to be seen, the school ery - that questions of nationis now visibly multi-racial, with ality are overlooked, as if lost boys from Uganda and Sri in the mist of time, with no relevance to the present and still Lanka expressing amazement and even indignation that there could be any question of their suffering discrimination because of the colour of their skin.

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German education after the war, when nationality was also

Just why became clear when

hlack, seemed to know or care, treating the question as a bit of we sat in on a history lesson. It

Recalling the race riots of 17 historical pussy-footing has to so as not to upset one race or another, particularly over slav-

less to the future. One was reminded a bit of

this in Brixton, where we patrolled the streets in the company of a pretty white policewoman who seemed on the best of terms with all the locals, black and white,

years ago, this was a miraculous transformation. Probably hardcore racism can he found simmering under the surface, but it no longer dares to raise its ugly head. Dareus believes there is much more to be done. He wants to see the whole idea of Britishness redefined so that it not only excludes racial prejudice, but positively inextreme demands will only put the clock back. Compromise, knowing when to stop, half measures these are the essence of Britishness and so, even in a multi-racial Britain, they must

Like most of my generation I accept indeed welcome, the new Caribbean dimension to Britishness, which has greatly enlivened the quality of our national life. Indeed in many respects my new friend Darcus Howe is more British, in the old-fashioned sense, speaking better English, knowing more British history, more widely read in English literature than many British whites.

And if Charles Dickens were to return today, he would, I am sure, feel more at home in colourful Brixton than he would in contemporary Islington. New Labour's favourite Give me multi-racial Britain

rather than Cool Britannia every time. Nor. I believe, am I alone in this attitude. Compared to so many of today's youth, black youth is to be preferred: more friendly and even more polite. In a phrase,

Old England, my England. has gone for ever. New Britain is here to stay. And in these circumstances. I embrace the black dimension as one of the least worrying and most encouraging innovations.

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boys and girls we met at a comprehensive school in Hamp- new German generation for cit- eyes - a recognition of past was less surprising there because black and brown faces seemed almost to outnumber whites, to the point where had there been any discrimination around it would probably have been on the other side. Not that we saw the slightest evidence of

Something else, however. did worry me. At a gathering of pupils, we caused a stir by asking those present what nationederal Europe

Doubtless no such conscious aim is at work here. Even so, the diminution of British nationhood, which seems to be involved in the process of creating a multi-racial society. could all too easily have rather similar results.

But apart from this disturbing prospect, I was much encouraged by our journey. Amazing progress towards eliminating the evil of racism ality they believed themselves has been made. I was particularly struck by the evidence of

the blacks. That is asking too much.

While it strikes me as reasonable to adapt the idea of Britishness enough to make black Britons feel comfortable here, it is going too far to expect it to be redefined so that white Britons are made to feel uncomfortable and guilty. Such



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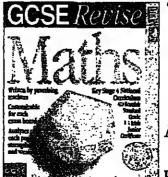
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est building in London". It's not when you hear Denys Lasdun explain the concept of the huilding, which was to design it in steps, thus mirroring the strata of natural rock, the horizontal look of London, and the river itself,

nd sometimes art must be left to explain itself. Witness the ex-Aperience of Clive Anderson when he opened this year's Summer Exhibition. Not at the Royal Academy, but the Islington Art Circle's exhibition at the Central Library, NI.

The exhibition consisted of two long rows of screens hung with an assortment of landscapes, portraits, sculptures and photographs. Traditional views of London jostled with large nudes and rather extraordinary pieces including a portrait of tabloid back Richard Littlejohn. Yet the world's most famous ex-barrister was to get

none of this. "Firstly I forgot all my art jokes which I had made up specially for the occasion," admitted Clive. "Then I didn't have a minute 10 look at any art. Every time I saw something I liked, the artist would pop up at my etbow and tell me how brilliant the picture was. Impossible.

Anyway, he could rest safe in the knowledge that none of the art, which was all for sale, was conceptual. The Tate defines conceptual art as one which "should not be sullied by the materialism of the marketplace ... (made of) ... low value materials or simply the artist's own actions." So you won't be seeing any at Christie's in the near

Conceptual creation – from Rembrandt to the ICA T'S tough being a conceptual. Which was that the animals were en-Spector helpfully. "The red and blue he cheerfully introduced it as "the uglicouraged to 'interact' with the paintings lines on the pavement correspond artist. Not only is there the diffiwith the red and blue paintings on his culty of working in a medium by biting, walking or urinating over the

where the idea is all, but there's also the knotty problem of how best to convey your abstract idea to the general public without using landscape, portraiture or still life - which, of course, turns a conceptual artist into a traditional one. Come to think of it, I suppose Rembrandir could be termed conceptual since, strictly speaking, he must have had concepts about what he was painting before he started on a picture. But the fact that he then went for clearly recognisable scenes, such as the Nativity or his wife wading about in a river, meant that everyone ended up reading his art as ordinary art. Publicly funded galleries that want

to show conceptual art find themselves under some sort of obligation m explain it. The Tate Gallery has employed a Curator of Interpretation, who does the job very well; and during its annual feast of conceptualism, known as the Turner Prize, has began to provide a small chamber screening explanatory videos. For example, last year's show included a pair of ear plugs by conceptualist Comelia Parker. Now, if you haven't seen the video which told you that these minute sculptures, which looked like tiny champagne corks, were fashioned out of dust garnered by the artist from the Whispering Gallery in St Paul's Cathedral, where would you

> Take the exhibition of artists Olly and Suzie, painters with a penchant for wild animals. In terms of straightforward animal portraiture, the work was fairly ordinary, but it was made newsworthy because of its "symbiotic concept". from the ICA next door," explained

canvas. Impressive stuff; however unless you knew that those big grey soggy splashmarks were made by elephant pee, or that the minute indentations in the upper right hand corner were actually cheetah bite-marks, the overall effect was severely reduced. eanwhile on the Mall in Cen-

tral London Chadwick and Spector, a conceptual couple from New York City had taken it upon themselves to wow anyone passing by. Whilst Spector (a woman), walked around with a camcorder, Chadwick, a man painted from the waist up with hlue and red rectangles, spent a great deal of time drawing on the pavement in chalk. About 200 people were standing around watching, presumably lured by a somewhat disingenuous paragraph in Time Out which promised the experience of seeing people dressed up as famous paintings. 'Maybe he's meant to be a Mondrian," suggested my husband hopefully. I advanced on Spector to find out more. "We discuss the space in which art can exist, and how decisions are made about how art can be viewed," she said. I sensed I was to experience a conceptual white-out of gargantuan proportions and played for time by asking her about her name. "I just go by Spector," she said, which of course made perfect sense. True conceptual bunnies always go by the single nomen-clature (think Christo; think Sting).

Meanwhile Chadwick was continuing to draw. "He's doing the floor plan body. He is a conduit. The questions this piece is posing are about the ephemeral nature of art." Hmm. She handed me a piece of paper.

In entirety, it read: EPHEMERAL DRAWINGS NO 1. THIS PERFORMANCE IS BE-TWEEN AN INSTITUTIONAL SPACE AND A PUBLIC SPACE. WHAT YOU SEE IN AN INSTITU-TIONAL SPACE IS DETERMINED BY A FEW, WHEREAS PUBLIC SPACES CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE MANY.

I asked Spector if she thought people might easily twig what was going on. "It's conceptual," she said, patiently. "It's not our place to worry about what the audience does or does not understand. We are artists." Great.

All at once, the floor plan was finished. Spector ran over to join her partner. There was an excited rustle in the crowd. Then both artists walked off. A few people looked at their handouts, presumably hoping for more clues as to why they had just spent an hour watching a conduit in body paint drawing on the pavement. Then everyone drifted away. See what I mean? At least you know where you are with a Rembrandt.

this is not to say that all abstract art is guff. And of course when you understand a bil more about it, the good stuff becomes even bener. Last week I felt like decking the official spokesperson on the Official London Sightseeing Boat when we floated past the National Theatre and

HISTORIANS have overlooked the colossal impact that the 1941 Benny Goodman band tracted by the pre-eminence of at the start of her career. Goodthe time. Goodman's innova- hearse arrangements that had tions forced a potent change in the course of the music through two soloists and two arrangers from his band. One of them. Mel Powell, was both soloist and arranger. The other two were Christian and the arranger Edto permeate the music of the

next 50 years. Like Goodman and Santer. Powell easily spanned the worlds of jazz and symphony music, and it's difficult in decide in which field he was the most effective. He was a supremely tasteful and scintillating jazz piano soloist, and yet his Pulitzer Prize in 1990 represented only the peak of his eminence in the field of symphons and chamber music.

Powell first heard live juzz when his elder brother Lloyd mok him to hear the Goodman band at the Paramount Theatre in New York in 1937, "I became fascinated with it, quite knowledgeable," said Powell, and he directed all his energies to becoming a jazz musician. He succeeded quickly and before he was 17 he worked in New York for such established giants as Bobby Hackett and Georg Brunis and in Muggsy Spanier's big band. He also played as intermission pianist at Nick's Club and for the trumpeter Wingy

In 1941, when he was 18, he wrote arrangements for one of his idols, the pianist Earl Hines. and that summer Goodman invired him to join the band to replace his regular pianist Teddy Wilson, Powell's abilities were on a par with Goodman's, and. unusually for one of his sidemen, the clarinetrist always treated him as an equal.



Almost his first job for sionally leading bands of his Goodman in July 1941 was to come to the rescue of the band's had on jazz. They were dis- new singer, Peggy Lee, who was the Duke Ellington orchestra of man gave her no time to rebeen written for his earlier singer Helen Forrest, and it was Powell who took the trouble to work through them with her. He also wrote the arrangement for Lee's and Goodman's biggest the guitar virtuoso Charlie hit. "Why Don't You Do a full professor of composition

Right?", and he composed an die Sauter. Their influence was instrumental succès fou. "Mission to Moscow, that also made a lot of money for Goodman. Amongst his other arrangements the band recorded "The Earl", Powell's dazzling tribute to Earl Hines, his marathon for the leader's clarinet. Although it's now half a

> century old, the music remains as Iresh as it was when first recorded, and this is largely due to the lightness and clarity of Powell's touch. He and Sauter imbued the whole Goodman band with fire and energy and through them Goodman was happy to place the emphasis on the band sound rather than on the soloists. But he also had in the band and it was in Goodthrough. Everything he played on record at this time is rightly prized by collectors and is regularly re-issued.

numbers every night. Powell left Goodman in the summer of musician in the CBS studies. He was drafted in 1943 and joined Glenn Miller, travelling to Europe with the Major's AEF band. He came to England and was billeted in Oldham for a time in 1944 and broadcast on the BBC's Piane Farty series. When the hand was posted to Paris Powell recorded some piano solos there and he and the clarinettist Peanuts Hucko played and recorded with the guitarist Diango Reinhart.

Bored with playing the same

After his discharge in 1945 Powell recorded again with Goodman in New York and Los Angeles, where he worked and a National Institute of Arts with the musical Roman circus and Letters grant. that was Jam at the Philharmonic. He married the actress Martha Scott and returned to MeMn Epstein (Mel Powell), pionist. termittently, recording more

own. He began to study composition privately in Los Angeles and then at Yale with the German composer Paul Hindemith. He recorded some remarkable albums, one in a trio with the cornettist Ruby Braff, between 1953 and 1955, and during this period worked yet again with Goodman.

When Hindemilh returned to Europe to live Powell became and then head of the Yale composition department. He began writing challenging and exploratory music for orchestra, vocal soloists, chamber groups and electronic instruments. Like his jazz piano playing. his compositions were spare "The Count", for Basie, and and aphoristic. He hecame "Clarinade", a sprinting renowned for his mastery of 12tone techniques.

"I have this old-fashioned idea." he said in 1985, "1 still believe that beauty consists in the most music in the shortest space." In 1969 he established the music department of the California Institute for the Arts in Los Angeles. Powell's travelling activities

were curtailed when he developed muscular dystrophy. From then onwards his occasional returns to jazz were reluctant small groups drawn from with- and infrequent. He accompanied Peggy Lee once more at a man's fabulous sexiet that charity concert in 1982 but, Powell the soloist shone early in the Eighties, he was confined to a wheelchair by the onset of a neurological disorder. Despite the increasing severity of his affliction his passion for music and his wit sparkled undiminished. His wife persuaded him to play and 1942 and took a job as a staff record at a floating jazz festival on the cruise ship \$\$ Nonvay in

In the spring of 1990 the Los Angeles Phdharmonic performed his concerto for two pianos. He was honoured with the Pulitzer Prize for the work after his close friend and the former conductor of the orchestra. André Previn, suhmitted the concerto for the award without Powell's knowledge. Among his other honours were Brandeis University's Creative Arts Medal, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a commission from the Koussevitzky Music Foundathe next year moved back to tion for the Library of Congress

Steve Voce

play in Goodman's hands in- composer and arranger: born New York 12 February 1923; married 1946 classics with the clarinettist un- Martha Scott (one son, two daughtil the end of 1947 and occa- ters); died Los Angeles 24 April 1998. south of Vietnam as Deputy Po- new broom to sweep away Vietnam 27 April 1998.



1995, at the statue of Ho Chi Minh in Ho Chi Minh City

Nguyen Van Linh

nam", as he was dubbed in the late 1980s, is not a reputation by which Nguyen Van Linb would like to be remembered.

True, as head of the Vietnamese Communist Party from 1986 to 1991, he launched the country on the path to doi moi - renovation, or Vietnam's version of perestruika and the free-market economy. But he later came to regret that, just as in the former Soviet Union, it led to the development of a "red Mafia". As a man who had spent most of his life in revolutionary struggle. Linh expressed growing dismay towards the end of his life about the increase in corruption within the Party and society as a whole.

The rise of Linh to become General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party in 1986 was quite unexpected. In fact, until 10 years earlier his name was hardly known. That all the more surprising. is because he had always operated under the pseudonym Muoi Cuc. As such. he had fought against colonial rule by the French and been imprisoned hy them from 1941 to 1945.

Then, although a northern-

"THE GORBACHEV of Viet- litical Commissar in charge of Communist economic dogma the struggle for reunification. In and encourage foreign investother words, be was one of Hanoi's chief political activists in the south throughout the war writers "not to bend their nibs" and it was only after the collapse of the Saigon regime in 1975 that he emerged under his true criticising various bureaucratic name with his role revealed.

At least, after bis long experience in the south of Vietnam, Linh seemed to realise, unlike his colleagues in the Politburo in Hanoi, that society there was different and that the rapid collectivisation of agriculture as well as the nationalisation of private property and industry would lead to economic collapse. He was right, but his views were disregarded in Hanni, he lost his position as Party Secretary in Ho Chi Minh City and in 1982 was dropped from the Politburo. That made his rehabilitation and elevation to Party General Secretary in December 1986

The fact was that the economy of the whole of Vietnam really was in dire straits and drastic measures were called for, particularly since the Soviet Union under the new leadership of Gorbachev was threatening to er by hirth, he remained in the cut off all aid. Linh became the 91; married: died Ho Chi Minh City.

ment. He also encouraged more intellectual freedom and told in fear of the Party censors. He even wrote articles himself, practices, under the thinly disguised pseudonym NVL

But then, just as Vietnam was becoming more politically relaxed, the authorities in Peking suppressed the pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square, followed a few months later by the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe, and Linh took fright. Although the open-door economic policy he had introduced remained in place for reasons of sheer necessity, all the trends towards more freedom of speech were soon suppressed and so too was Linh. He was replaced as Party General Secretary in 1991 and spent his remaining years living modestly in Ho Chi Minh City.

Judy Stowe Nguyen Van Cuc (Nguyen Van Linh), politician: bom Hanol, Vietnam I July 1915; General Secretary, Communist Party of Vietnam 1986-

Christiane Rochefort

was in many ways born before of incest. It is composed in a her time. She was one of the ocryous, dislocated style that earliest militant French femi-conveys perfectly the confunists, during a smug post-war sions of a girl in her early teens period when it took courage to who is raped by her father question and defy the conveo- and theo by his brotoe;, a tions of French family life.

After working as a journalfirst novel, Le Repos du guerrier (1958), when she was already 41. It created a scandal in bienpensant French society, for in it she attacked the very foundation of marriage and the duplicity of men. Roger Vadim in the film starring Brigitte Bardot. who plays a respectable married girl longing to break free from ber bourgeois existence. She does so with a vengeance, falling for a cynical, suicidal alcoholic. Bardot, breaking free from her own stereotype, considered it one of her best parts.

It was translated into 20 languages, including English, under the title Warrior's Rest, in 1960. The author's passionate anger and outspoken language revealed a keen intuition of events to come, starting with the spiritual and moral revolution following the student rebellions in May 1968.

Rochefort's next novel was also before its time: Les Petits enfants du siècle (1961, translated in 1963 as Joysanne and the Welfare) treated with outrageous frankness the plight of the urten, unemployed young in the working-class suburbs of Paris. a theme frequently written about now, It won the Prix du

Roman Populiste. In 1963 she published Lcs Stances à Sophie (translated in 1966 as Cats Don't Care for Money), a combined attack on morals, marriage and money. Her 1969 novel Printemps au parking found no English publisher, possibly because of the unexpected ferocity with which the theme, male homosexuality, is handled. Again Rochefort goes to the beart of her subject with a knife, and makes no concessions. It is one of the best novels ever written by a woman on this subject, so prone to being sentimentalised in the Swinging Sixtles' idealisation of male eroticism. She was able to write convincingly about other forms of eroticism in Quand

tu vas vers les femmes (1982). But Rochefort's biggest triumph came in 1988, when she won the Prix Médicis for La other attack upon the values of Prodet, France 24 April 1998.

CHRISTIANE ROCHEFORT family life, and a cruel expressive

inare eady jotes "benevolent" uncle. The novel starts with a famist and film critic, she wrote her ily court, where the girl her mother and father, separated. are agreeing to a reconciliation. The doting mother tells her hitherto obedient, dutifui daughter, "Say good morning" your father. The girl, only seven years old, says flatly "No!" 1962 adapted it for the screen, and her mother slaps her across the face. That first assault is the daughter's liberation.

The father is increasingly attracted towards the child, and at first she finds his company much more exciting and eatertaining than her socialite mother's. But the inevitable violence occurs, and these forced sexual attentions arouse in the girl feelings of hatred, shame and revenge. Her spiritual and moral deterioration shows in the new coarse language she uses (her favourite word is "merde"). It is a conflict where she cy only be a loser.

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Her father tries to gain her confidence by saying that "this sort of thing" happens between fathers and daughters in all families. The girl's gradual decline is painfully evoked. She tells us: "The struggle lasted seven years. I lost every battle. But not the war." Yet there is nothing grim or sordid in Rochefort's firm treatment of this disturbing theme.

She writes of human failures. human moralities, human desires with imagination, sympathy and tenderness, though always with an uncompromising frankness that makes the reader trust her judgement completely. It is a great pity that this remarkable novel has neva been translated into English.

In 1997. Rochefort published two slim volumes, Comversations sans paroles and Adieu. Andromede. In the former, she writes:

Your Creation, Lord, and I'm surry to have to tell you this, is a bundle of errors. You should have asked me for advice, I'm full of good ideas, And I'm not the only one - I've loads of friends who think as I do.

Christiane Rochefort had come full circle, well ahead of her time. James Kirkup

Christiane Renée Rochefort, novei-Porte du fond ("Rear Exit"), an- ist: born Poris 17 July 1917; died La

Donald Findlay

DONALD FINDLAY was a lings. The young Donald was dancy. Findlay turned what architecture, decoration and liturgy and sometime Deputy England's Council for the Care of Churches.

He was born in Edinhurgh in 1950, the son of a professional soldier and great-grandson of J.R. Findlay, former proprietor of the Scoisman and founder of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Donald Findlay's mother. Ailsa Lindsay, was the sister of Ian Lindsay, a distinguished. Officer, his principal task being Scots architect who specialised in the repair of historic build-

leading authority on church sent to Harrow and might have followed in his uncle's tootsteps - old huildings always interest-Secretary of the Church of edhim-hutheread English at university lat St Andrews, having failed to get into Cambridge). Findlay's career was singu-

larly uneventful, yet filled with achievements. In 1973, he joined the staff of the Council for the Care of Churches (CCC), where he remained until his untimely death. Initially. he served as Pasioral Measure to prepare detailed reports on churches facing possible redun-

could have been dry documents into scholarly and lively essays. Indeed, his reports form the definitive accounts of many important churches and, in some cases, their obituaries. During the 1970s, the tide of redundancies was running high and many fine huildings were needlessly destroyed, along with their contents.

Findlay was appalled by the philistinism of many in the Church, but he believed that the Church of England's procedures could and should be reformed to protect historic huildings and re-

worked with the Bishop of Findlay seem reticent, even re-Chichester's commission on the faculty jurisdiction (which alone and was unfailingly courteous addressed the issues of care of over 12,000 Anglican churches rather than listed huilding control), was for many years clerk to the organs advisory committee of the CCC, and was a trustee of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust and of the Ely Stained Glass Museum, He also served on the Executive Committee of the Georgian Group and the Victorian Soci-

tain them in active use. He ed him from childhood made mote, but he warmed to company and good-humoured, even when dealing with the most iconoclastic of parsons. He loved music (especially early music), sang well and played the organ competently. He was devoted to the Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair. London, working bard to keep that delightful Georgian building in use. Its style of worship, firmly Catholic but entirely Anglican, was much to his taste ety's Buildings Sub-Committee. and it was in the chapel that bis

Findlay was a man of simple by Chairman of the Advisory committed to the work of the CCC and wrote its 75th anniversary history, The Protection of our English Churches (1996). along with All Hallows, London Wall (a history, 1985) and many other church guides and histories, and was working on a book on Georgian churches. It is hoped that his manuscript he was a perfectionist and bad spent many years on the project will be edited and published.

Findlay's closest friend was Michael Gillingham, a leading The deafness which afflict- Requiem Mass was celebrated. anthority on organs and latter-

faith and great loyalty. He was Board for Redundant Churches. The two men sbared a substantial 18th-century house in Spitalfields, which they restored, and a wide circle of friends. The arrangement began soon after Findlay's arrival in London; and simply continued. Their lunch guests might be bishops -or students in need of a meal.

Findlay lived a quiet life, but one which affected the lives of Findlay: a perfectionist many for the better. He threw his energies into his work and gave generously, and privately, to many good causes.

Kenneth Powell



Donald Ian Findlay, architect: born Edinburgh 20 June 1950: dred London 14 April 1998.

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

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Birthdays Miss Ann-Margret, actress, 57; Mr. Ian Beer, former Headmaster, Har-row School, 67: Professor Hugh

Bentall, cardiologist, 78: Mr Michael Brearley, psychoanalyst and cricketer, 56: Baroness Carnegy of Lour, educationist, 73; Sir Ivor Conen, former chairman, Remploy, 57; Commandani Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, for-mer director, WRNS, 71: Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Zambia, 74: Miss Sicola LeFanu. composer, 51: Sir John Leonard, former High Court Judge, 72: Earl Lloyd George of Owntor, under-writer, 74: Dr Michael Longfield, for-mer Vice-Chancellor, University of Teesside, 70: The Right Rev Morris Maddecks, Honorary Assistant Bett-op, Chichester, 70: Mr William Moodie, former Chief Constable. File, 67: Mt John Thorn, writer and former Headmaster, Winchester College, 73: Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 71: Mrs Helen Williams, former High Mistress. St Paul's Birls School, 60; Mr. Kenneth Williams, Chief Consiable, Norfolk, 54: Mr James Wray MP, 60.

Anniversaries

Births: Jean Audran, artist and engraver, 1067; Sir James Erasmus Wilson, dermatologist, who, at his own expense, brought "Cleopatra's Needle" to London, 1809; Lionel Barrymore (Blythe), actor, 1878. Deaths: Benito Amileare Andrea Mussolini, executed by Italian partisans 1945; Francis Bacon, painter. 1992. On this day, the foundation stone of Salisbury Cothedral was laid. 1220; Pope Clement XII issued a bull condemning freemasonry, 1738; the

crew of HMS Bounty, led by Fleicher Christian, mutinied, 1789, Today is the Feast Day of St Cronau of Roscrea. St Cyril of Turov. St Louis Grenien of Montfort, St Pamehilu of Sulmons, St Peter Mary Chanel St Pollio, Saints Theodora and Didy mus. St Valena and St Vitalis. Today is also the first day of the Muslin

Lectures

National Gallery: Richard Stemp. "Sculpture and Painting (iii): Costa and Mainers, The Vingn and Child En-throned between a Soldier Saint, and Sami John the Baptist", 1pm. Tare Gallery: James Heard, ~ Awful Beyond Desciption: Joseph Wright of Derby's Vesionius in Exeter University: Professor Christopher Moody. Organis Chemistry: the practice of wealth creation, 1,10pm.

The Right Rev Trevor Huddleston A Requiem Eucharist will be held for

Bishop Trevor Huddleston at St James's Church, Piccardily, London W1. on Thursday 30 April at 6.30pm

Luncheons

HM Government Mr George Robertson MP, Secretary of State for Defence, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lan-caster House, London SWI, in honour of Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of the State of

LAW REPORT: 28 APRIL 1998

Citing of old cases could be dangerous

(Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Keene and Judge Colston QC) 7 April 1998

Regina v L; Court of Appeal

WHILST cases decided before the Sexual Offences Act 1985 might still be cited be with regard to general principles. they should not he cited with regard to the appropriate level of sentencing for offences of indecent assault.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appellant's appeal against a sentence of two years' imprisonment imposed following his conviction of one offence of indecent assault.

At the time of the offence the victim was aged nine, and the appellant was aged 52. He stood in position of trust to her because of his fouryear relationship with her mother.

Fatrick Roche (Registrar of Criminal Appeals: for the appellant.

Lord Justice Henry said that To that the court would rethe judge had sentenced the appellant on the basis that the offence had been a single isolated act, although aggravated by the girl's youth and the breach of trust.

It had been submitted for the appellant that R v Demel [1997] 2 Cr App R (S) bad laid down that there was an "established sentencing tariff" in a case such as the present of between 13 and 18 months' imprisonment.

The Sexual Offences Act 1985 had increased the maximum sentence for indecent assault on a woman over 13 from two to 10 years' imprisonment. It was imperative to remember the point made by Judge J in R v Henderson (1991) 12 Cr App R (S) 589: This court of course takes due notice of decisions in similar cases but recognises that the circumstances of all offences of indecency vary infinitely in their differen circumstances.

spectfully add that sentences in earlier cases must also be viewed against the statutory framework which was in force at the time when the offences were committed, It appeared that counsel might not always have bad that in mind when addressing the court in appeals against sentence when the Crown had not been

represented. Examination of the authorities to which the court bad been referred in Demel showed that two had been decided under the old, pre-1985 law, and that the remainder had relied heavily on them. In Rv Vinson (1983) 3 Cr App R (S) 315, a two year sentence had been reduced to one of nine months. There was a real danger in such cases, decided before the passing of the Sexual Offences Act 1985, being cited today in support of the ap-

opposed to highlighting general principles. In R v Smith (1986) 8 Cr

App R (S) 325, a sentence of

two years was again reduced to 9 months. It was clear from the judgment in that case, although not from the beadnote, that the offcuces had occurred prior to the coming into force of the 1985 Act. In Rv Gibbons (1988) 9 Cr App R (S) Stocker LJ had said that it did not necessarily follow that, because the maximum sentence bad been increased the principles applicable in Vinson and Smith were not still equally applicable. Insofar as he might be taken to have meant that the principles of the level of sentencing were not or should not be affected by the increase in the statutory maximum, the court respectfully but profoundly disagreed.

The authorities could not. propriate level of sentencing as when read in the light of the

statutory framework in force at the material time, be said to provide a tariff sentencing bracket at the level referred to in Demel. To that extent the court respectfully disagreed with that decision, which might need to be regarded as confined to its own facts.

It was not the purpose of the present judgment to seek to lay down guidelines for sentencing in cases of indecent assault. In most cases, however, the personal circumstances of the offender would have to take second place behind the plain duty of the court to protect the victims of sexual attacks, and to reflect the clear intention of Parliament that such offences were to be met with greater severity than might have been the case in former years when the position of the victim might not have been so clearly focused in the public eye.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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Shareholders ready to oust *Biotech chiefs

It regretted the "damage being done to

the company and its shareholders by the ren-

eution of these allegations". British Biotech

a circular now under preparation.

said they would be refuted in depth through

The paper to shareholders would outline

the company's approach to strategy, update

research and development plus give a state-

ment of year-end cash balances to 30 April

1998. It is expected within the next four weeks.

gestions that the London Stock Exchange is

again investigating the timing of shares

sales worth £618,000 by Dr McCullagh in Jan-

The company admits an investigation into

this issue was undertaken in the same year and

no found there was "no issue to raise". The

London Stock Exchange also declined to com-

ment in line with a policy of not making state-

ments in the middle of a disciplinary review.

releases put out by British Biotech in November

1995 and May the following year. The com-

pany confirms this investigation is under way.

The SEC is looking at the wording of press

uary 1995.

The company will not comment on sug-

By Terry Macalister

Ition

LEADING shareholders in British Biotech may demand an extraordinary general meeting to engineer removal of top management at the troubled company.

Key investors said they were "continued to be concerned" despite a public promise from British Biotech yesterday that it waspreparing a detailed circular to set the

They said an EGM would be a vehicle to: remove senior executives including Dr Keith McCullagh, the chief executive, or to force a change in corporate direction.

Shares in the company have plummeted. to 52.5p from a high of £3 in early 1996 when British Biotech shot to prominence on the back of its cancer drug, Marimastat. This has meant capitalisation has fallen from nearly £2bn to £300m, although this is still sizeableconsidering it only employs 400 staff.

The Oxford-based company has been manied by a range of setbacks, ranging from revelations of London Stock Exchange and the US Securities & Exchange Commission inquiries, as well as controversial share sales

lar, the head of clinical trials, has escalated investor concern about the company's ac-Chivities. Dr Millar, an important contact for many investors, was removed for alleged breach of confidentiality.

He had met senior officials from Perpetual, which holds a 9 per cent stake in British Biotech, and expressed concerns about the commercial direction of his own company.

Dr Millar believed British Biotech was expanding much too fast on the presumption. that trials for the panereatic drug Zacutex and Marimastat would be successful. He wanted a more measured pace of development

A statement from British Biotech repeated. its view that "matters raised by Dr Andrew Millar had no substance or reflected purely personal opinions"



Under fire: Dr Keith McCollagh, above, may be removed by shareholders. The 53year-old chief executive has embittered former staff members, one of whom described him as having the intransigent qualities "similar to Mrs Thatcher".

company since 1994 and management tapped into this by mounting two successful rights issues, in spring 1994 and summer 1996, which

With shares now close to the floor, James Culverwell, pharmaceutical analyst with Merrill Lynch, said continuing allegations were undermining what remained of the City's confidence.

He explained: "This whole saga is causing great uncertainty and the market likes that less than anything. People read the stories which are now being revealed by newspapers and wonder what the real situation is."

Culverwell believes the key issue is the suceess of the drugs. He adds: "At the end of the day the company will live or breath by the value of its technology and that is what the market needs comfort on."

Brian White, analyst at BT Alex Brown, said neither British Biotech nor the City was coming out of the whole affair smelling of "The investment community was wholly unrealistic about the past value they



Key issues in

☐ The Securities & Exchange Commission

is investigating public statements put out by

British Biotech on 30 November 1995 and 21

May 1996, regarding the clinical process of

☐ The Stock Exchange is understood to be

looking at the timing of share transactions

hy Keith McCullagh, Biotech's chief execu-

tive. He sold shares worth £618,000 on 17 Jan-

uary 1995. A month later the company

revealed delays in the development of its Ba-

timastat drug. Biotech says it "cannot com-

ment" except to say the issue was investigated

by the Stock Exchange in 1995 and the Ex-

change found "there was no issue to raise".

Dr Andrew Millar questioned his supe-

riors' husiness plan of spending £50m n year.

He deemed it out of proportion to the

chances of the drugs being found successful

in trials under way. British Biotech dismisses

Dr Millar's concerns as having "no substance

British Biotech put out statements an-

nouncing the results of drug trials and

plans to establish a commercial structure in

1997. These statements, perceived positive-

ly by outsiders, came days after the European Medicines Evaluation Agency told the com-

pany it had five objections to its pancreati-

tis drug. Zacutex. Biotech said the objections

were "part of a normal regulatory review

process" and the issues had been addressed.

or reflecting purely personal opinions".

the crisis

its Marimastat drug.

put on the company." But he said that biotech companies had to be careful about the way they released information about clinical trials and other drug developments. "Their disclosure must be beyond reproach."

Boh Yerbury, chief investment officer at Perpetual, said his company would continue to hang on to its British Biotech shareholding for "the time being". He added: "We still have a belief in the product line and want to ensure the products have the best chance of coming to the market."

The problems at the company have been compounded by the number of former senior staff members who have come forward to tell their tale.

Apart from Dr Millar, there has also been former finance director, James Noble, who left the company on 13 February. He admits part of the reason he departed was because he was prevented from selling shares he owned in British Biotech in January last year.

He said vesterday: "It was just an accumulation of things. The shares thing was just the icing on the cake." In fact the greater issue appears to be personality clashes with Dr

The 53-year-old chief executive has embittered former staff members one of whom described him as having the intransigent qualities "similar to Mrs Thatcher".

He built British Biotech into a major player from what amounts to his front room after his employer, the UK research arm of GD Searle, was bought out by Monsanto and shut

Mr McCullagh dominated his board but disgruntled shareholders said his dominant position was now under threat.

there would be more to come

close its current trading figures

expectations. Analysts esti-

mated that sales were up by

around 4 per cent on a same

store basis. Debenhams shares

which have performed poorly

since the demerger, jumped

at BT Alex.Brown, the new

name for NatWest Securities.

said: "This was a very strong

performance in a difficult mar-

ket. The Debenhams format,

with its wide choice of hrands

antly surprised by Debenhams'

figures after becoming ner-

vous about retail stocks in the

wake of poor performances

from other UK retailers, in-

cluding Next and Laura Ashley.

uing operations were up by 8 per

cent to £770m. There was a

maiden interim dividend of 3.9p.

three more franchise outlets

The group also announced

Debenhams sales on contin-

The stock market was pleas-

is proving successful."

John Richards, retail analyst

26.5p to 374p on the news.

The company did not dis-

Nat Grid sacks NWM

By Michael Harrison

NATIONAL Grid has sacked NatWest Markets as joint broker following its change of ownership, the departure of senior personnel and a series of "sell" notes from NatWest analysts on the Grid's telecoms arm. Energis.

NatWest Markets' equities business, which was formally taken over by Bankers Trust at the weekend and subsumed into BT Alex Brown, the bank's world-wide investment banking arm, is likely to be replaced by HSBC Securities.

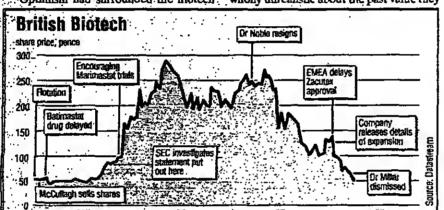
A Grid spokesman conceded that the sell notes on Energis, issued by NatWest's telecoms analysts had been an "irritant" to their relationship. Energis was floated at 290p and tipped as a sell by NatWest at 380p and again recently. The sbares elosed last night at 672.5p, valuing Energis at more than £2bn on a fully-diluted

Although the Grid sold 51 per cent of the ordinary shares in Energis, its stake would rise to 75 per cent in the event of a bid with the conversion of preference shares.

However, the Grid spokesman insisted the departure of NatWest was part of a broader overhaul of the Grid's financial advisers. The Grid's other joint broker is Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which also acts as its investment bank adviser and was hroker on the Energis flotation.

HSBC Securities, meanwhile, arranged the Grid's recent £400m bond issue. The issue was announced alongside a £770m special dividend. This prompted criticism in some quarters with investors confused about the Grid's strategy.

Unease within the investment community has also been stirred by revelations that and staff departures. the European Medicines Evaluation Agency In addition the company, once a contender notified British Biotech in May last year it for the FTSE-100 index, has seen a research : had five objections to Zacutex. alliance with Giaxo Wellcome collapse and . Two statements put out by the company the forced delay of its Zacutez drug launeh. a week later on trial results and the build-The sacking last week of Dr Andrew Miling up of a management team, were seen by outsiders as highly positive. Optimism had surrounded the hlotech.



JAPAN's "Mr Yen", the vice Finance Minister for International Affairs, Eisuke Sakakibara, was among 112 Ministry, of Finance (MoF) officials punished yesterday for accepting lavish entertainment from pri-

But few analysts felt Japan's most influential financial bureaucrat was in danger of losing his job over the affair Hikaru Matsunaga, the Fi-

nance Minister, announced the action against Mr Sakakibara and the other officials in a statement at the end of an internal investigation covering over 1.050 MoF staff who had contacts with the private sector over the past-five years.

The statement said Mr Sakakibara, whose comments influence corrency markets around the world, received a warning and would take a voluntary pay cut of 20 per cent for a month. It said he was enertained about 20 times over a five-year period but the amount of money involved was not

Some officials were entertained more than 60 times. Of the 112 punished, one received

pension from duties; 17 received pay cuts, 14, including Sakakibara, received warnings; 22 received admonishments; 33 received a written caution

Mr Matsunaga said Atsushi the ministry's Securities Bureau, and Takashi Sugii, deputy director-general of the Banking Bureau, had resigned as a result of the affair. Earlier this month, the Asahi Shimbun said Mr Nagano had accepted enter-

tainment of ¥4.7m (£22,000). Two MoF officials have hanged themselves over the scandal which some reports said involved wining and dining at restaurants where the waitresses wore no underwear.

It was the latest blow for the powerful ministry, which has been battered by scandal recently. Four MoF employees were arrested for accepting excessive wining and dining from financial institutions, ultimately forcing the former Finance Minister, Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, and Vice Finance Minister to resign.

Mr Yen escapes Debenhams plans FTSE 100 dives with a pay cut more new stores

By Nigel Cope City Correspondent

and 25 received a verbal DEBENHAMS, the department store group which was demerged from Burton in Nagano, the director-general of January, shrugged off the gloom on the high street yesterday with a sharp increase in profits and an aggressive store opening programme that will create 6,000 new jobs.

> new stores in Weymouth, York and Milton Keynes. These are in addition to the

around 100.

Green, Debenhams' chief executive, who said the company city centre and Newcastle.

Debenhams is to open six

Carlisle, Sunderland, Oxford, 10 new stores previously an-

nounced and will bring the total number of outlets to "We are only in 60 per cent of the towns and cities we would like to be in," said Terry

did not yet have branches in Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds He denied the group was expanding at the wrong time in the cycle even though other retailers have recently said they plan to cut back their store opening programmes due to the uneconomic rents now being charged by landlords.

He claimed Debenhams was able to negotiate good terms with shopping centre developers who were keen to have Dehenhams as an anchor tenant. The store opening programme will cost £235m. Mr Green was speaking as

Dehenhams announced a 16.3 per cent rise in half year profits to £77m. Like-for-like sales improved by 5.3 per cent. which analysts said was a good performance in a difficult retail environment.

"Conditions on the high street have been very volatile and there are quite clearly winners and losers," Mr Green said. "We bad windfalls last year, now we have higher interest rates. But we are cautiously optimistic."

Mr Green said the group's strategy of driving sales and margins was on track. It was speeding up expansion plans to drive the business forward, and

on rate fears By Lea Paterson

MORE THAN £25bn was wiped off the value of UK but said they were in line with blue-chip shares yesterday as the FTSE 100 tumbled by 140 points on US interest rate

> helped by overnight share falls in the Far East and renewed fears about the impact of the Asian crisis on corporate carnings lan Williams, strategist at

Market sentiment was not

Panmure Gordon, said: "Everything hinges on what happens on Wall Street overnight. But in my opinion there are too many people being cautious for there to be a crash."

At lunchrime, the US Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 188.3 at 8,876.29.

Back in the UK. the FTSE 100 share index closed at 5,722.4, down 141.5 hut slightly off the day's low of 5,699.9. Financial stocks were

among the beaviest losers, with Halifax down 44p at 787.5p. and Lloyds TSB down 3op to 901p. Traders said that comments from leading US officials -

coupled with weekend press reports - had fuelled growing fears that the Federal Reserve could raise US interest rates when it meets at the end of next month

Market sentiment was also damaged by Monday's falls in Japan and Hong Kong, traders

The Japanese Nikkei closed down 361,29 at 15,649,95, and the Hang Seng - Hong Kong's key share index - closed down 286,22 at 10,593,74. Analysts said the markets were disappointed with budget measures announced by the Japanese government last Friday and, in particular, with the government's failure to include permanent income-tax cuts.

Traders said markets were likely to be littery until key US economie data is published later this week.

UK economic data out today includes trade figures and the latest CBI industrial trends survey. Economists said yesterday that the figures would need to be "way out of line" to shake the market's perception that the next move in UK interest rates would be down.

chief nets £1 m

Retail

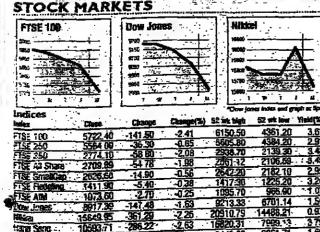
SIR GEOFF Mulcahy, chief executive of Kingfisher, the Woolworths to B&Q retailer, has confirmed his membership of the £1m-a-year club with a 19 per cent rise in total pay to £1.4m. writes Nigel Cope.

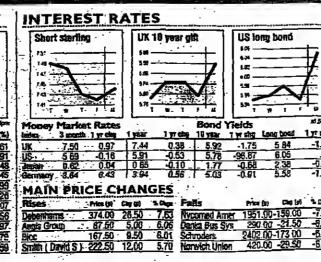
Sir Geoff, who has consistently been one of Britain's highest-paid retailers, saw his £665,000 salary hoosted by a £680,000 annual bonus and a £111,000 payment under the company's long-term incentive scheme. The details were included in the company's annual report, published yesterday.

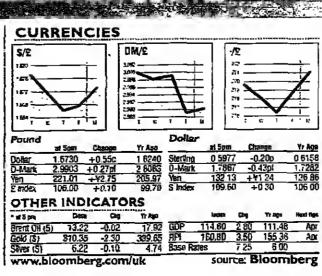
The company defended the payments saying: "People only need to look at the record results announced recently and the company's share price performance. In the year to 31 January 1998, the period covered by the latest annual report. Kingfisher's shares rose 41.6 per cent and have risen sharply since.

Jim Hodkinson, the former head of B&Q who left the group this month to become chief executive of New Look. the fashion retailer, saw his pay rise to £945,000, including bonuses of more than £500,000.

Yesterday in the markets







TOURIST RATES

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Belgium (trancs)	59.90
Canada (5)	2 3268
Cyprus (pounds)	0 8478
Denmark (krone)	11 14
Finland (markka)	8 8692
France (francs)	9 7397
Germany (marks)	2 9123
Greeca (drachma)	503 75
Hong Kong (S)	12 51
Ireland (punts)	1 1477
Indian (rupees)	60 78
Israel (shekels)	5 7649
Italy (Tira)	2881
Japan (yen)	216.02
Malaysia (ringgits)	5,9904

Martin Arms	0.8300
Malta (lira)	
Mexican (nuevo peso)	12.82
Netherlands (guilders)	<u>3.2614</u>
New Zealand (S)	2.9007
Norway (krone)	12.16
Partugal (escudos)	294.46
Saudi Arabia (rials)	6.0695
Singapore (S)	2.5344
Spain (pesetas)	245.12
South Africa (rands)	8.0806
Sweden (krone)	12.58
Synzerland (francs)	2.428=
Thailand (bahts)	58,59
Turkey (Irasi)	403653
U5A (S)	1.6272

Source: Thomas Cook

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

EDITED BY ANDREW YATES

Debenhams holds its own

THE BOUNCE in Debenhams' share price yesterday was partly due to relief that no profits downgrades were necessary after an impressive set of half-year results. Trading on the high street is difficult and retailers are being punished for the slightest slip-up. But Debenhams, which only demerged from Burton in January, appears to be holding its own.

Profits on continuing operations were up 16 per cent to £77m in the first half, though a separate figures were produced on a pro-forma basis. which included three months of the multiple operations now under the Arcadia banner. Like-for-like sales improved 5.3 per cent on a margin improved by 0.4 of a percentage point. This may not seem spectacular bin it will look enviable when compared with some clothing retailers yet to repon.

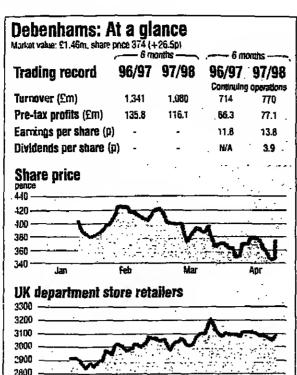
All this will be welcomed by investors, who must have been concerned by the performance of Debenhams, After shooting up to 426.5p in the early weeks, the shares have consistemly underperformed the department store sector. Even after vesterday's 26.5p jump to 374p they are below their close on their first day's trading as a separate company.

This may be about to change. The group's mix of well-known brands and welldesigned own-label ranges is proving popular and Debenhams has an aggressive store opening programme with 10 new stores due over the next five years. The programme includes branches in cities like Birmingham and Liverpool where Debenhams has no representation. These openings will add £350m of sales and 22 per cent to the selling space. The danger is Debenhams is expanding at the wrong time. when property rents are high. but it claims it is getting good deals from developers.

All the margin improvement was due a reduction in the cost base. This will rise as the opening programme is accelerated but the key will be to improve sales. On full-year profit forecasts of £134m the shares private lovestors on 7 May. trade on a forward rating of 16. This is a discount to the sector and, if not hugely exciting, it is relatively low risk. Good value

Scramble for Thomson

THE FLOTATION of Thomson Travel Group has caused the sort of rush normally associated with the scramble for last-minute cutprice package holidays.



So far, 350,000 private investors - and rising - have registered a interest in buying shares in the largest tour operator in the UK, which also owns 800-odd Lunn Poly travel agents.

The strength of the group's hrand name has got something to do with it. But the main reason has been the offer of 10 per cent discounts on all Thomson's holidays for punters who subscribe for at least £500 worth of shares.

On the face of it, the average family stands to save hundreds of pounds a year, although real savings may be much less than that, as the discount only applies on brochure prices. Nevertheless, this shareholder perk is definitely worth having and, for a regular traveller, could justify £500 in Thomson on its own.

There are other good reasons why Sid should book a seat on the Thomson flotation. Its share ratiog does not look demanding. Thomson has been valued at between 140p to 170p, or £1.4bn to £1.7bn. The betting is the final price will be towards the upper end of that scale, although that will not be decided until after the deadline for applications from

Assuming a final price of say 165p, that puts Thomson on a prospective p/e ratio of less than 18, compared with up to around the 420p mark. arch rival Airtours on a forward multiple of 23. It is true début for a popular US elethat Airtours' shares have phaot called Mumfie, to be risen on takeover speculation screened by Fox. but their strong growth has also been stimulated by a 11p to 265p yesterday, putting buoyant UK holiday market. the group on a forward price-The spectre of 1995, when an earnings ratlo of around 33 industry price war decimated this year, falling to 24 the year profits, could come back to after. The Thomas deal looks haunt Thomson but the hig attractive but the group's players show no signs of re-rating appears stretched. High turning to their bad old ways. enough.

for Eurotherm

Thomson has also been

relatively slow to expand over-

seas but its independence will

surely give it the opportunity

to hit the acquisition trail

good long-term het, although

if the float proves as popular

with the financial institutions

as it has with investors there

should also be an opportunity

to make a quick profit.

off at last

Allcroft deal

IT HAS taken a long time to

stoke his furnace, but Thomas

the Tank Engine has finally

been sold by Reed Elsevier.

One of the most protracted

corporate deals of recent

times has seen the business go

Britt Allcroft was always

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for Thomas, It already pro-

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based on the world's most fa-

year, before overheads, and the

deal is likely to enhance earn-

ings for Britt. although only

mildly at first. The group can

also focus on other lines of chil-

dreo's characters, including a

new series of Captain Pugwash.

due in the autumn, and a TV

Britt Alleroft 5 Shares hose

Thomas brings in £1.2m a

mous steam engine.

£13.5m to Britt Alleroft.

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aggressively.

SIEBE agreed to buy Eurotherm for £439m in cash and seems to stack up," said stock to make the UK elec- Michael Blogg, an analyst at tronics company the world's Charterhouse Tilney Securilargest maker of controls for ties. "In industrial terms the assembly lines and other industrial systems.

shares and 140p in cash for a total of 460p for each Eurotherm share, a 32 per cent premium to Eurotherm's closing share price on 24 April. The company said the ac-

quisition pushed it past Honeywell in the \$200hn (£112hn) industrial control market, giving it a 15 per cent share to Honeywell's 14 per cent. Eurotherm is the world's

Siebe pays £439m

logic is reasonable." Siehe's chief executive. Siebe offered 0.2322 of its Alleo Yurko, said in a statement: "This acquisition complements Siehe's existing activities in the temperature. controller market. It establishes the group as a global

> He said the acquisition will enhance Siebe's earnings in the first year, excluding amortisation of goodwill.

Analysts said cost savings would be between £10m and biggest temperature control £14m without heavy loss of

15, it agreed to pay \$101m for Simulation Sciences to expand go to continental Europe. a line of software that helps

companies control costs. That came less than two pay \$375m for the Irvine, Cal-Corp, which sells software that cent. controls and monitors factoryprocesses. Wooderware's and SimSci's products run on Microsoft's Windows operat-

ing system. Shares in Eurotherm rose 105p to 453.5p. They had fallen from 438p a year ago to 348.50 on Friday.

Eurotherm has suffered from the strength of the

It is the latest in a string of pound, which pared operating acquisitions by Siebe. On April profits last year by £10m. Half of Eurotherm's £200m of sales

Claes Hultman, Eurotherm's chief executive, said that by joining Siebe he would months after Siehe agreed to expect Eurotherm to roughly double its historic sales growth ifornia-hased Wooderware of between 4 per cent and 6 per

> "Enrotherm is a highly successful portfolio niche player - it is expensive to set up distribution in North America and the Far East," he said.

Mr Hultman said the company had consulted with other possible candidates before opting for Siebe's offer. He declined to name them.

services oetwork", a pressure group aimed at building support in the husiness community for trade liberalisation.

City push for

global trade

LEADING CITY FIGURES including Lord Hurd, the former Cabinet minister, and Sir

Nicholas Bayne, chairman of

British Invisibles - are to cam-

paign for the liberalisation of world services trade in the next

trade negotiations round.

scheduled for the year 2000. The

City luminaries have joined

forces with their counterparts

overseas to form "the global

Jet plans end BRITISH AEROSPACE and its partners in the Al(R) regional jet joint venture vesterday agreed to dissolve the business. The break-up of the venture had been expected since last December when BAe and its partners, Alenia of Italy and Aerospatiale of France, decided not to go ahead with the launch of a 70-scater aircraft, the Airjet.

Trains due

STAGECOACH, the hus and rail operator, has put a £363m financing in place to fued train orders for its rolling stock leasing subsidiary Porterbrook. The financing consists of a £273 securitisation arranged by UBS and a £90m loan from UBS and Royal Bank of Scotland. The funding will be used to buy 100 mph, air-cooditioned trains for six passenger franchises. The first trains will enter service next mooth with Chiltern Trains.

Cuts at Daiwa

DAIWA Securities, the Japanese brokerage, is to lay off a third of its Hong Kong workforce - 76 of its 219 employees - in an attempt "to cope with the drastic changes taking place in the Asian economies. The hrokerage, which last week said. it made a £375m loss in the year to March, will also reduce its top executives' pay by 10 per cent for one month following the indictment of some of its employees in a bribery case.

CU purchase

COMMERCIAL Union has bought Farmers Union Insurance Acquisition Corp for about \$118m (£71m) to boost its US agricultural insurance business. Farmers Unioo would cootinue to be ruo by Jake Krull, its president and chief executive, CU said. CU shares fell 45p to 1025p.

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ADVERTISING and marketing services group WPP said yester day its first-quarter revenues were up over 13 per cent in constant currencies, but the strength of sterling reduced the locrease in reportable revenues to over 8 per cent. Total revenues in the three months to 31 March were £419m, up from £387m in the comparable year-ago period.

Adlight sold

MAIDEN Group, the outdoor advertising company, has bought Adlight Ltd for £15m, made up of a redeemable loan note of £13.7m and cash of £1.3m. Maiden said that due to restructuring costs, it did not expect the acquisition to increase its pre-tax profits in 1998. Adlight has around 3.200 six-sheet point-ofsale advertising panels located in supermarkets across the UK.

DBS changes

Management, Martin Greenwood, was to leave by mutual consent, the husiness support services group said yesterday. The move is part of a reorganisation under which Tony Kempster has been appointed as chief executive of DBS Financial Management. The finance director David Stewart 4. has been appointed as group

New adventures: Britt Allcroft will pay £13.5m for long-term rights to Thomas the Tank-Engine:

Reed agrees to sell Thomas

By Andrew Verity

THOMAS the Tank Engine was finally prepared for a new adventure yesterday as Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dotch publisher, agreed to sell its long-term rights to Thomas for £13.5m.

Britt Allcroft, the small British company which has developed the televisioo films of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, will pay cash for the rights to Reed wanted to sell its entire children's sell the Thomas brand on everything ex- books husiness. But the company want- the US market, Reed yesterday bought

Thomas began life in The Railway Series of books in 1945 by the Reverend W stamp. Awdry, later developed into a 40-book series by his soo Christopher, who still collects royalties nn the books.

Thomas is now sold in 21 countries and has seen his face used nn 1,900 licensed

products - out to mention the pirates. : closed at the end of May, Egmont has also More than 100 television films have hought the rest of Reed's childreo's been developed altogether and Britt Allcrnft will also have the right to make a full-length feature.

Like Thomas's rail trips, his sale has been dogged by delays. Reed initially asked for up to £60m, more than four times the eventual sale price.

reluctance to become a book publisher. \$1.65ho (£990m). ed in stick in developing the film, video Matthew Bender & Co, an analytical legal and merchandise which bore Thomas's

The nhstacle was removed when Egmont, a hig European publisher with revenues of £620m, agreed to poblish the books under licence to Britt Alleroft. If shareholders agree, the deal will be

Reed first said it wanted to sell its children's books in July 1995 as it slg-

nalled a shift in focus to professional publishing. Yesterday it marked a further step in that direction by huving two well-known

Another obstacle was Britt Allcroft's legal poblishers in the United States for In a deal which gives it 30 per cent o

publisher, and Shepard's Co, the leading US legal citation service in the US, from Times Mirror Group. The deal makes Reed the higgest pro-

fessional publisher in North America but ooe, narrowly behind Thomson Corp of

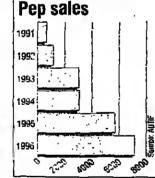
Peps soar to record £7.3bn

Sy Andrew Verity

RELIEF over Labour's policies on private saving drove investors to ignore warnings about a peaky stock market and pour record amounts into personal equity plans in the tax year ω April. Between April 6 1997 and April 5 1998, Peps attracted

£7.3bn, a sharp jump on the total for the previous tax year of less than £5.7bn. Last month alone, savers put £1.5bn into Peps as the each year. By making invest-Chancellor announced that ments before the tax year endsavers could, after all, keep ed, it was possible to take

In just the first five days of April, savers added a further. Government scrapped a pro-£728m to the Pep coffers. In- posed £50,000 ceiling for taxvestors are allowed a limit of exempt savings schemes and £9,000 each to the tax-free Peps gave a green light to existing tracted over £1.6bn.



Pen savings without being sub-advantage of two years' worth ject to a mooted £50,000 lifetime of Pep allowances before the products' abolition next April.

In its March hudget the

PEP plans. While new PEPs will no longer be available from record month for sales of unit April 1999, investors will be able to keep their savings within the old product indefinitely.

Philip Warland, director general of Autif, the trade body which compiles the sales statistics, said: "As we suspected, ooce the uncertainty over ISAs was removed by the Budget, investment funds proved more popular than ever with the UK saver. The growth shows increasing numbers of people

understand the need for commitment when saving for long term goals such as pensions and

place in April last year, as Pep providers played on the fears of retail investors in the run-up to the general election in May. "Election Pep" products attrusts, the vehicles into which most PEPs are invested.

Gross unit trust and openended investment company (OE1C) sales hit a record £4.3hn in March, up 46 per cent from a year ago, Autif said. UK Growth and UK

the most popular among private investors in the month. Retail investors continued their retreat from Asia, making Japan and Far East, excluding Japan, funds the worst selling in

Growth and Income funds were

the month, it said. PEPs had continued rapid The higgest sales of all took sales in the first five days of April, logging £728m in sales and helping to set a record

£7.3hn tax year total. Total industry funds under management rose £7hn to £180hn Sgt, it said.

CU subsidiary rapped over misleading advertisements

By Lea Paterson

THE investment watchdog has reprimanded a subsidiary of Commercial Union, the UK insurance giant, for issuing misleading advertisements.

The adverts for Advance Call's Win Win PEP, primarily aimed at recipients of windfall Halifax shares, appeared in the press in May and June of last year.

The adverts used share performance data from the earlier Abbey National flotation "in a way that was capable of being misleading", according to the Personal Investment Authority. In particular, there were concerns that Halifax investors could have been misled into beafter flotation. Halifax shares would do well too. The watchdog said the ad-

verts also gave "a misleading im- son said: "We are disappointed pression" of the advantages of the product. In particular, the PLA felt Advance Call - a wholly . owned subsidiary of Commercial Union - did not spell out sufficiently clearly that investors in the Win Win PEP would lose their right to share dividends. The PIA said: "The advertisements thus did not clearly address the 'cost' to the investor

of the benefit of the capital security provided by the PEP." The PLA added that its views were "based in part on the fact that the advertisements appeared to be directed at 'windlieving that, because Abbey fall recipients of shares, who National shares performed well might not have been familiar

with the benefits available from share ownership". An Advance Call spokesper-

we have been reprimanded, but obviously we must accept the PIA's decision." The spokesperson pointed out that the PIA did not say the adverts had actually misled anyone, but only that they had the potential to mislead. "There is no evidence anyone was misled." The spokespersoo said the

adverts simply provided wouldbe investors with an information line number. Investors who expressed interest were sent a detailed brochure. The PIA said it noted that the brochure "contained explanations which to some extent dealt with a number of the points of concern".

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OUTLOOK ON THE GROWING CRISIS OF **CONFIDENCE AT** A ONE-TIME STAR AND THE NON-AGREEMENT ON

GLOBAL INVESTMENT

Hope, hype and hubris at British Biotech

WREN it comes to investment, hope is wonderful thing. It was recently calculated by an analyst that if you added up the projected sales of the entire biotech sector, it came to such an astronomically high figure that, even on the most heroic assumptions about the success of these companies in bringing their products to market and the success of these products once on the market, it couldn't possibly be true. Yet each individual stock is valued by stock markets on the basis of these projections. According to the analyst, Steven Abbott of Credit Lyonnais, the biotech sector might as a result be overvalued by as much as five times. Some biotech companies should eventually justify their valuations, but on the basis of this calculation, four out of five of them will come to nought. Most of the value in biotech floats on hope alone.

There is a not dissimilar phenomenon taking place in telecommunications right now. Some of the upswing of the last year or so among telecommunications stocks is down to the perceived market opportunity from deregulation in Europe. Yet if you add up the projected market shares of all the hopeful newcomers and lay them alongside what analysts think will happen to the present market incumbents, you get to a figure of way in excess of 200 per cent. Plainly, they cannot all he right.

itself to blame when projections get hyped to this degree. Managements can hardly be faulted for having amhitious targets; the problem lies with investors in taking them at face value.

British Biotech, on the other hand, may fall into an entirely different category. The question to be addressed by regulators here is whether the company and its officers became so blinded by ambition, huhris and greed, that they wrongly encouraged these optimistic projections, and worse, withheld damaging test results about their drug discoveries from public disclosure. Did directors who would bave known this information profit from the bype by selling their shares? What of the company's subsequent £230m rights issue? Plainly this moves beyond the offence of over-enthusiasm, which is common enough throughout husiness, never mind this sector, into that of misleading investors.

It would be wrong for this column to attempt to answer this question. Obviously. British Biotech became hugely over hyped. but as to whether investors were actively misled, we so far only have the evidence of the company's sacked former head of research, Dr Andrew Millar, and he selfevidently has an axe to grind. Certainly the company strongly disputes his case, None the less, the allegations are cause for grave

By Michael Harrison

THE ELECTRICITY regula-

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discriminated against poorer

customers would face tough

Most of the time, the market only has concern and it is hard to see how the present chief executive, Keith McCullagh, can survive them. Whatever the truth or otherwise of what Dr Millar says. Mr Mc-Cullagh stands accused of precipitous loss of shareholder value and of running an unruly senior management team. In most companies, that in itself would be enough to see him out the door. As for investors, their hest hope seems to lie in the possibility that the wreckage still contains something worth bidding for.

Talks failure is bad for the world's poor

THE Multilateral Agreement (or now, non agreement) on Investment has managed to generate an extraordinary degree of heat and noise for what on the face of it is an eminently sensible and quite uncontentious international initiative further to integrate the world economy. The idea was that any country that signed up to it would agree to treat investors from other signatories on the same terms as indigenous investors. There now, that's not too bad, is it? Well actually it seems to some to have been about the worse thing since Eve introduced the concept of evil into the world.

The crisis in Asia, which some have blamed on global capital markets, has trig-

gered a fearful anni-globalisation backlash. Much of this comes from those who have always been anti-multinational and against the power and influence of capital markets, but just recently it has taken on new converts. In any case, enough politicians have become sufficiently concerned about the pace of globalisation and the potential political and social consequences of it to ensure that the MAI has once more ground to a halt. It is the first bit of the international financial architecture, as the huzz phrase goes, obviously to have fallen victim to the Asian crisis.

Partly this is simply down to the way negonations over the MAI have been proreeding, i.e. amongst the select club of OECD members, in secrecy and with just the dimmest of distant realisations that democracy might actually maner in international finance. Add in US and French concerns about their national interests in all such matters, and difficulties were inevitable.

However, the root cause of this failure was probably Asia. Britain playing a commendable role in cheerleading for as much liberalisation as possible, but its voice has been drowned out by the crisis in Asia. which may have knocked the process of

further global deregulation back years. This is unfortunate. The Department for International Development recently published research by Oxford academics which concluded that the right kind of MAI could prove a massive boon to the world's poor. A new publication from the OECD's own experis yesterday drew much the same conclusion. It calculated, for example, that the last round of trade liberalisation, the Uruguay Round, had delivered the equivalent of a \$200bn gtohal tax cul. The moral is that the lobby groups

should he fighting for the right kind of MAI rather than opposing it tooth and nail. A deal brokered by the World Trade Organisation, where developing countries have a voice, might be a sensible afternative. However, such is the wave of fashionable anti-globalisation sentiment sweeping the world post the trouncing of the former Tiger economics, that this may not be an option. The protectionism being demonstrated by the US and France is being welcomed by supposed defenders of the world's poor. Many trade unionists would rather stick with the present framework for negotiations, having made progress in getting governments and employers to recognise their concerns about labour standards in the third world,

If the MAI does fall by the wayside for good, it will he one of the biggest costs so far imposed on the rest of the world



Deadlock on global investment accord

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

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A ROW over the future of a controversial plan to liberalise international investment erupted yesterday at the meeting that was. supposed to have seen its

Finance and economics ministers meeting in Paris at the Organisation for Economic ment could not agree whether to shelve the Multilateral Agreement on Investment or press on with negotiations to complete it.

Ministers at the meeting did give a tentative welcome to Japan's package of measures to boost its ailing economy, announced at the end of last week. But it fell far short of the endorsement specifically requested by Japan's finance min-

confidence. Discussions on the MAL, due to be completed this week, stoday, after the second day of became traught when Dominique Strauss-Kahn, France's finance minister, told the opening session of the meeting yes-

terday that the plan should be suspended.

Several countries, including France, have become concerned that the creation of a level playing field for investment between countries accepting the MAI would override national interests.

The negotiations have also come under bitter attack from Third World lobby groups, who Co-operation and Develop- argue that further liberalisation of international investment was ignoring the interests of the poor and the environment.

A draft statement on the MAJ acknowledged these concerns. It said the agreement should take "full account of economic concerns and political, social and cultural sensitivities". It also spelt out that the agreement must not interfere with the sovcreign rights of governments.

Yet after hours of talks yesister in order to help boost terday, there was no consensus about how or whether to take forward the deadlocked negowhich started in 1995 and were tiations. Whatever the ontcome the meeting, little progress is expected until the autumn, after the US Congressional elections.

Renato Ruggiero, director

general of the World Trade Organisation, said yesterday it was assessing whether to start its own investment talks, including developing countries in the discussions. These would almost certainly replace any negotiations at the OECD if

they went ahead. Other OECD members, including Britain, are keen to press on with the existing plan. Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday: "I think it would be unfortunate if we were to kick into touch the MAL Suspension

would mean it could disappear." Like other ministers attending the meeting, Mrs Liddell welcomed the Japanese economic package.

Koji Omo. Japan's Minister for Economic Planning, pleaded for support from other ministers. Japan has asked the OECD to revise up its forecast for growth this year, sticking with its own prediction of a 1.9 per cent rise in GDP. .But other countries kept up the international pressure on the Japanese Government to make sure the stimulus works in practice.

Outlook, this page

Electricity firms warned on sales

tor warned yesterday that sup-Professor Stephen Little- consumer protection. doorstep selling techniques or child said that in extreme circumstances suppliers could have their licences revoked, al- launched a £2.5m campaign to sanctions when the domestic though he expected most of promote the liberalisation of the power market is thrown open to

competition from September. of practice designed to improve

He was speaking as the Office of Electricity Supply

The hardest part of

million domestic customers to shop around for a supplier by June next vear.

Competition will be introduced first for customers of them to comply with new codes market which will enable all 26. Yorkshire and Scottish Power customers might switch.

with other regions following in tranches in October and

Price reductions are not expected to exceed 10 per cent half the level of the savings when the gas market was liberalised - and Professor Littlechild Eastern, Manweh, Sceboard, said initially only 5 per cent of

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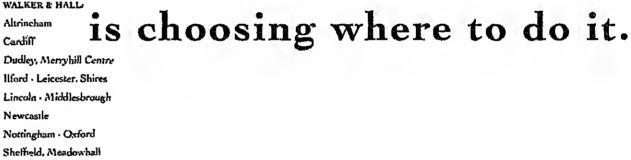
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Mild winter means price rises for gas consumers

By Michael Harrison

GAS consumers are facing price rises above the level of inflation this autumn from Transco, the transportation arm of BG, even though its new pricing formula is supposed to produce real reductions in domestic bills.

The average household bill will rise by about £4.20 a year in October: following an increase of 4 per cent in transport charges, which account for 40 per cent of the total bill.

A Transco spokesman said the increase was happening cause it had under-recovered £190m in revenues last year due to the warm weather. The pricing formula agreed with the gas regulator Ofgas allows it adjust

prices to compensate for this. He added that the price rise would have been 6 per cent had Transco not agreed to phase the recovery of the £190m over two years.

But the Gas Consumers Council questioned the increases. "Due to the mild. winter, consumers who thought they would save money will end up paying more than the level of inflation for gas transportation," said its director, Sue Slipman. "This looks like a perverse effect of Transco's

pricing methodology." Transco's price formula should limit increase in transportation charges to 2 per cent less than the rate of inflation. This year it said the average increase would be 2 per cent. But within this there is a wide range for different consumers.

The GCC estimated that while domestic charges would rise by 4 per cent, large industrial users on interruptible contracts could see reductions of up to 32 per cent.

Ms Slipman added that there were growing worries about the way the formula worked and the way benefits of price reductions were shifting in favour of big commercial users. Transco said the increase

worked out at less than a penny a therm on the average domestic consumption of 650 therms a year. It was up to suppliers whether or not to pass on G·O·L·D·S·M·I·T·H·S

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MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN

FOOTSIE crashed 141.5 aroused fears the long builtrun to 420p; Alliance & Leicester the Torday & Carlisle stake points - its biggest one-day fall could be over. since December - as the stock

atlantic interest rates. At one time the blue-chip index was off 164 as investors fretted about New York's re- advocated a correction. The ding £439m for Eurotherm. action to the possibility of market has run ahead too gave up 77p to 1,303p. Euro-

dearer money. The fallout took Footsie down to 5,722.4. In Decem- is necessary, Now they have to ber, a 148.1 slump lowered it to 5,020.2.

by ex-dividends, was recorded has set in. against a background of turnover was a remarkable and small caps weakening. 1.4 billion. But the signalled share sales at Aegis, the media ally made headway. Top of the buying group, accounted for list was Carlton Communicanearly 650 million shares and tions, still reflecting a meeting undercard players like John at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Lusty and Emerald Energy on Friday, with a 14p gain to were responsible for a further 492p. EML as takeover runt) million.

Still, despite the special circumstances, the setback has, perhaps predictably,

market expressed dismay at early this month. Since theo, the possibility of higher trans- with the exception of a few hesitaot rallies, it has been all

Many market men have quickly, they argue, and a period of gentle consolidation address the question whether shares are merely pausing for The latest fall, accentuated hreath, as they wish, or decay

Other indices were caught unexciting trading. True, up in the retreat, with the mid

Only oine blue chips actumours were given yet another spin, added 9p to 498.5p.

Financials endured a roasiing. Nurwich Union lost 29.5p Hunter added 10p to 92.5p oo

50p to 780p and General Ac- building. Footsie hit a 6,105.8 peak cideot 77p to 1,310p, Halifax fell 44p to 787.5p.

Some of last week's high- approach and publisher Derflying exporters took a hammering. Rolls-Royce dived 18.5p to 273p and Siebe, hid-

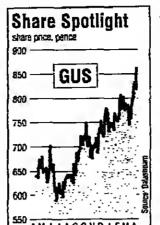
therm surged 96.5p to 445p. Great Universal Stores. celebrating its Argos success, rose 4p to 860p. Morgan Stanley has put a 1,000p target on the shares but a more cautious SG Securities settled for

Property group Chesterfield improved 52.5p to 686.5p after it became apparent at least two hidders circled. MEPC is one: the other is GE Capital, the fioancial arm of Geoeral Electric of the US. The property target contested itself with a comment it was in talks which "may or may oot" lead to an offer.

Electrical group Beales

Heritage Bathrooms, up 38.5p to 285p, reflected a hid ling Kindersley rose 13.5p to 244.5p on rumoured US interest. BICC hardened 9.5p to

167.5p as bid talk reappeared. UK Estates held at 22.5p. Chairman David Gradel said he intends to hid 27p a share.



John Lusty, the food group. rose 0.75p to 12p following its 157 per cent profits increase to £1.9m and the £5.4m acquisition of Unimerchants, an group he created. importer of Mediterraneae

Aegis firmed 5p to 87.5p. Three big investors sold oearly 40 per cent of the shares. The sellers, Warburg Pincus, Electra and the Gross family, raised £348m. Most of the clear year's figures would be shares were sold at S1p with some going for 80p.

Lourho had a strong session, gaining 11p to 439p, ahead of its move to split into two, a focused mining company and its Africae units. Shares of its African operation, ing and in-flight products called Lonrho Africa, should start trading oext week. There are signs the split could herald pany plans a full listing in July. hid action. Morgao Stanley, the US investment house, has acquired 5 per cent from SBC. Warburg and is oow thought to have 10 per ceot. Some wonder whether the stake will nance director David Stewart be used as a platform for a bid

from the former Lonrho chief, Tiny Rowland, who has made clear his resistance to the changes taking place at the

Petra Diamonds had a another busy session, ending 3p off at 142.5p as "encouraging" developments were reported from its Angolan prospect.

Middlesex Holdings fell 0.75p to 3.75p as it became disappointing. The group, headed by Lord Owen, is to concentrate on Russian steel trading. Chief executive Masoud Alikhani is stepping

Watermark, an advertisgroup, jumped 7.5p to 48p. a peak. The AIM-listed com-

DBS Management, the business support services group, fell 10.5p to 271p. Chief executive Martin Greenwood is departing with fimoving in.

200th constituent next week.

If all goes according to plan Appian Traffic Technologies. headed by former Tory Transport Minister Peter Bottomley, will make its debut on Thesday after raising £1.5m, selling shares at 20p a time. The company offers traffic management systems, designed to make car parks more efficient by directing motorists to empty parking spaces. It evolved when Doblin Airport, with 4,200 spaces, sought the

development of a parking

guidance system.

TAKING STOCK

OFEX is due to welcome its

SHARES of the first Continental football club to take Aim - Lazio - should start trading on the junior market next week. Around 41 per cent of Societa Spartive Lazio is being sold to investors. The Italian club arrives at a time when British football clubs are nut of favour, at least in investment terms. Bologna could follow Lazio, and Vicenza could make it an Italian hat trick.

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economy. That is bound to ty to continue decent growth. happen. What we don't know is how we will come off the growth shortages of labour that are becurve: will it gently flatten, or coming evident seem more will there be a sharp peak serious in manufacturing than followed by a rapid decline? Is in services (right hand graph). it the South Downs or the

The question has been given a new edge by the apparent shift: the longest recession since the land's Monetary Policy Com- said they were having difficulago the general expectation ingly, they are having even was that there would be one more rise in rates - the hawks prising, surely, is that manuwould win - now the market ex- facturing, which has been grown pects that this will prove to be relatively slowly, seems to be the peak. Why? The latest view is that the economy is cooling of its own account and won't need that last kick in the face to stop it.

Now I happen to think the evidence upon which that view is based, mainly a fall in the rate of decline in unemployment and slightly slower growth in GDP in the first quarter, is a bit But if this is true there is a tenthin. The economy, in the tative conclusion to be made.

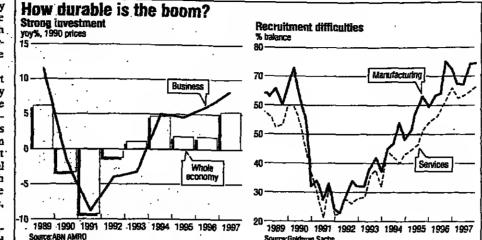
tor services are still seeing very strong demand. But calling the economic downturn is as much an intuitive judgement as a factual one, for if you wait for the facts you will be too late. Besides, there is a second sort

of debate about the economy which seems to me to be more interesting than taking its temperature. It is whether there has been any significant change in its ability to grow. The argument that there have been structural changes in the economy which will lift its long-term growth rate is based on rather thin evidence. but it may still be true. The first point here is that in-

vestment has been steady and strong right through the whole growth phase of the 1990s (lefthand graph). You would expect that, for companies respond to nand by increasing capacity, GROWTH CURVE but it is encouraging that despite the squeeze on manufacturing margins from the high pound. there has been no let-up in IT IS coming-off-the-curve spending. If you spend money time, At some stage during the on investment, you increase next six to nine months there capacity. The more you increase will be a slowdown in the UK capacity the greater your abili-

The second point is that the Companies always report that they are having difficulty finding staff. Even at the bottom of of mood in the Bank of Eng- war, a quarter of our companies mittee. Whereas a few weeks ty recruiting. Now, unsurprismore difficulty. What is surhaving more difficulty finding people than services; which are

> There are a number of possible reasons for this. Service industries may be more adept at using part-time labour, they may need lower skills, they may simply be more imaginative in the types of people they employ.



growth, it may be able to sustain growth for longer than it low. They haven't. would were it focusing more on manufacturing.

If that is right, the peak may come later than we expect. In the last few weeks there has That is helpful for it gives us time to be ready for the adjustment, and makes us more robust in the case of external shocks.

That leads to another group of concerns. Maybe the things which will determine whether the peak is South Downs or Matterhorn will not be internal. but external.

Candidate number one is the bursting of the US bubble. In the last few weeks the expression "bubble economy" to describe the US has moved into general use. Anyone who has been in the US recently will be aware of the sense of fizz: but equally they will be aware of the similarity with the have had since the Second UK at the time of our late 1980s bubble or Japan at the peak of its bubble too. Candidate number two is the

fall-out from East Asia. One of the most extraordinary features of the world economy over the last nine months has been the way in which the collapse of many of the economies in the East Asian time zone has had American or the European time zones. We all thought that South-east at least, still feels. Provided the economy remains the links in the global economy jobless growth, but at least it is very huoyant, and private see skewed towards service sector were so strong that if one bit growth. Question: will the fact our fault.

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That seems to me to be the

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ing UK policy-makers. We can

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ter had Kenneth Clarke, when

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vice of the Bank and increased

interest rates earlier. But that

is water under the hridge. The

Bank has probably increased in-

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Or at least they haven't yel. The economic landscape is not stable: the earth is still moving. been the first evidence of a slowdown in China, while Hong Kong suddenly seems to be hitting the first recession it will

> The economic landscape is not stable: the earth is still moving

World War. So two bits of the region which had hitherto seemed more or less immune course, is that the downturn in from the disease have suddenly caught it.

So there are big question marks over the trend of demand of two of the three time zones. The one we happen to be in, Europe, does seem set for a couple of years of solid growth, no effect on those of either the for the core economies of Germany, France and Italy are at last growing steadily. It may be

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IS GOD a lawyer? This worrying thought occurred to me after the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors (OSS) in Learnington Spawas flooded on Good Friday, soaking the files of 2,000 people who have lodged complaints against their lawyers.

The incident is given an even more Biblical twist by the fact that it was reported to the Law Society by the secretary of its compliance and supervision committee - Paul Pharanh.

Mr Pharaoh told the committee that the floods covered the ground floor of the office in 4 feet of water and 50 PCs were damaged heyond repair, according to The Lawyer.

It could have been worse, I suppose, there was no plague of locusts....

IN CONTRAST to the rest of the country, Gary Rhodes, the spiky-haired TV chef, suffored from a purely man-made flood last week. Builders working in his City Rhodes restaurant in central London forgot to switch the ventilation back on after they finished work in the kitchen. The kitchen grew hotter and hotter, triggering the fire sprinklers and dousing the cooking area in 3 inches of water.

Luckily, the flooding didn't reach the dining rooms but the lunchers present had to be evacuated anyway because of safety concerns, according to Simon Girling, City Rhodes's manager. "It brought the restaurant team and the kitchen team together, because we all had to help out," said Mr Girling, "The staff were very disappointed that Gary wasn't working that day, because they all wanted to see him with his hair down."

THE KPMG press office is obviously a hothed of political intrigue, A few weeks ago I wrote about Tom Cornwall, a freelance PR who does occasional work for the accountancy firm and who is campaigning on behalf of the Liberal Democrats in south London. Now the head of press relations at KPMG, Tim Roberts, tells me he is running as the Labour candidate for Friern Barnet in north London, in the municipal elections to be held on 7 May.

"Friem Barnet has always been a Tory ward, but judging from how the canvassing at least, some things never change.

is going, the Tory vote seems to have collapsed," Mr Roberts says, "Despite my promises to my wife. I might well win this one."

Our hero hastily adds that "clearly, I'm not counting chickens. There's a lot to be done. But it's more socially acceptable to vote Labour now than it was before the general election." He had one previous shot at political office, running in Totteridge, where he lives - an even safer Tory seat, where he halved the Conservative vote.

FOLLOWING the swingeing increase in tobacco duty announced in the Budget, and the latest controversy over passive smoking. it's unusual to hear of someone setting up in the baccy business.

However, that's just what George Rusano has done. Along with partner Barry Taplin. he has opened a stall at Wellington Market in Shropshire dedicated to selling traditional smoking goods.

As well as a wide range of tobacco products and pipes, George offers what he believes is the largest selection of tobacco rolling papers anywhere in the UK.

According to Geoffrey Simon, chairman of Wellington Market Co PLC, (founded by Royal Charter in 1244 and which operates 21 open and covered markets throughout the country) George's stall is unique.

Geoffrey says: "It's definitely one of a kind. In addition to his tobacco products, he is also selling incense sticks....He must be one of the few small businessmen in the country desperately hoping his business goes up in smoke."

PANMURE Gordon, having hired a load of former UBS people, seems to be losing a few analysis to rivals. In recent weeks Michael Bourke, food manufacturing analyst, defected to fast-growing rival Rahobank, Now Mark Josefson, Panmure's stores analyst, is going to Germany to join Sal Oppenheim JR & Cie. a continental fund manager which is starting up a hroking operation in Frankfurt.

EYES DOWN, no conferring, your starter for 10; Who, or what, is "BT Alex. Brown International"? Here's a clue: It has nothing to do with

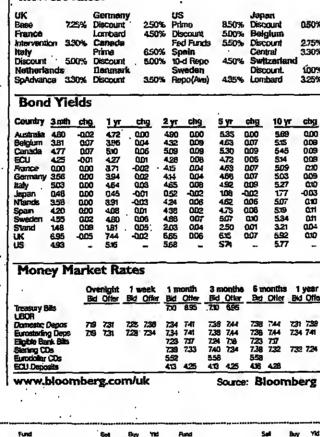
British Telecommunications, or anyone called Alexander Brown. It is, in fact, the new title for the bits of NatWest Securities which were recently bought by, and merged with, Bankers' Trust. The European cash equities business formerly owned by NatWest started life afresh under the BT banner yesterday, headed by Yves de Balmann and Mnyn Shattuck III. Joseph Lafferty, formerly global head of

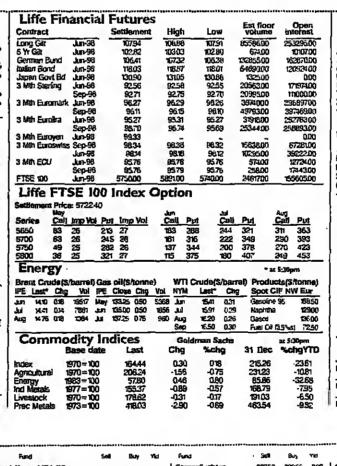
cash equities at NatWest Markets, has been appointed co-head of global equities sales and trading with Bruce Brandaleone, European equity sales and trading will report to Edmond Warner, formerly global head of equities research at NWM. At 4.30pm last Friday, as the merger deal

was being completed, the fire alarm in the investment bank's building went off, prompting everyone to leave - and go down the pub. How reassuring that in some parts of City life.

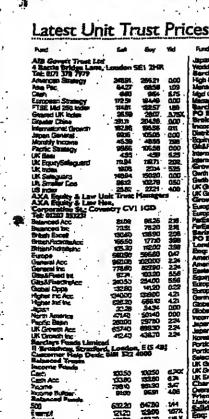


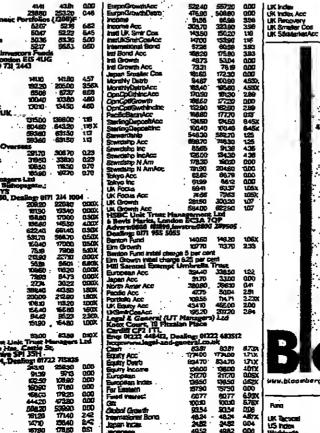




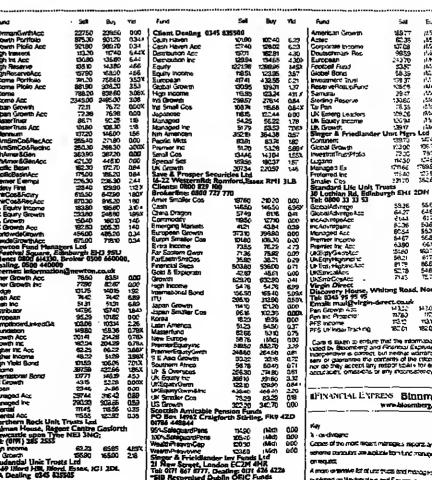


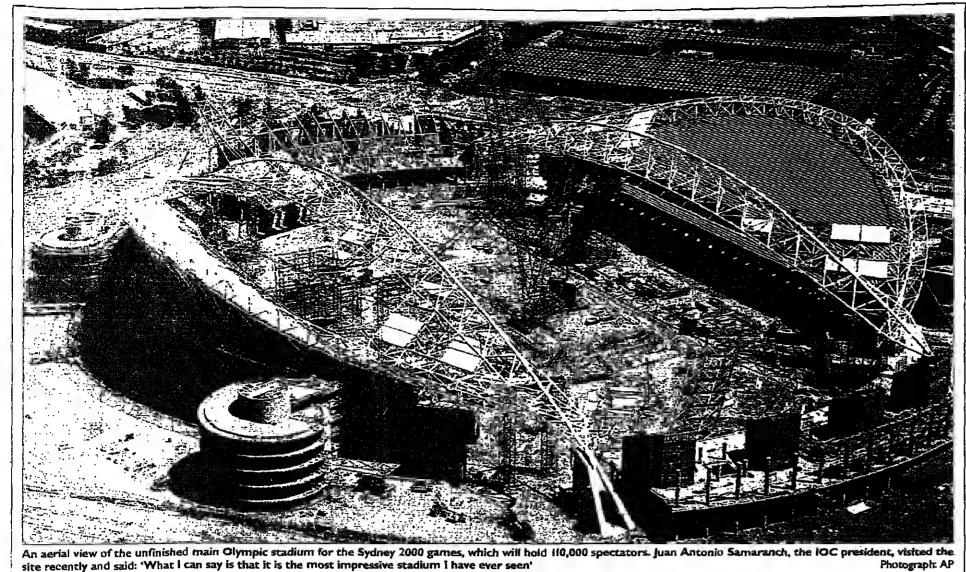
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Coulthard's credentials restored

By Derick Allsop

music becomed into the balmy. evening air and two of metorsport's hardened professionals. Schumacher from Ferrari. wore the self-satisfied counternance of the vindicated.

David Coulthard's victory in the San Marine Grand Prix here on Sunday had restored his statute as a world championship contender and pushed back the questions about his future.

for Run Dennis and Norbert Haug, respectively principle directors of McLaren and Mercedes, in justifying their faith in THE beer flowed, the rock the Scotsman despite the mounting speculation that they would attempt to lure Michael

> Mika Hakkinen presented his case for the defence by taking an early command of the championship and Coulthard was conscious he had to counter his McLaren team-mate.

"It's a great achievement for David I'm happy for him."

criticism recently and it's not right, it was very unfair.

"I knew he would respond well. He's that kind of guy. He's showed he's a great driver and he made nn mistakes all weekend. There was a lot of pressure and it's a funtastic result.

"It shows we made the right decision last year when we had to choose one or both drivers. We decided to stick with David and he's proved us absolutely correct. He's very focused and has a big future ahead of him."

nis was intent on heading off further conjecture of conflict within his team.

"A little suggestion of internal friction within a Grand Prix team is very newsworthy, but really there isn't here." Dennis said. "When you have Michael Schumacher breathing down your neck you have in handle it and have a strategy that doesn't present him with any opportunities he can take advan-

ond place and within three are running well without any points of Hakkinen, and Den- problems, I think he will struggle to heat us." Coulthard begins testing at

Barcelona tomorrow in preparation for the Spanish Grand Prix, on Sunday week, with the conviction he can sustain his championship momentum,

"It's hard to ignore all the talk about my future, but the hest way to respond is to get a win and I've done that," Coulthard said.

tage of. He certainly keeps you back to your core of belief and

It also provided ammunition Haug said. "He's taken a lot of above Schumacher into sec- awake, but if his car and ours motivation. I know I'm quick ennugh to challenge for the title and I have to remind myself of that. This sort of win can put you on a roll and I'm going in

the right direction." One of Coulthard's earlier mentors. Jackie Stewart, is expected to replace the hapless Jan Magnussen with Joss Verstappen as he attempts to change the fortunes of the Stewart Ford camp.

Ford, meanwhile, are said to have had talks with Benetton "You have to take yourself with view to a possible link-up

McKiernan has the world at her feet

Athletics

By Mike Rowbottom

CATHERINA MCKIERNAN, Ireland's first London Marathon winner, is fikely to make an attempt on the world best where she made her marathon

daughter from Co Cavan achieved the fastest ever dehut in Germany, 2hr 23min 44sec, and she and her coach, Joe Doonan, helieve she is capable of challenging the mark of 2:20:47 set by Kenya's Tegla Loroupe in day's Flora London Marathon.

"I think if the weather conditions are right we can have a serious go at the record," said Doohan, a primary school principal who has coached McKiernan since she was an 11-year-old. "Catherina ran the second half so quick that with a bit more experience I'm surc she can go even quicker."

Yesterday, as McKiernan prepared for the acclaim of a gratified nation upon her return to Dublin, she spoke of wanting to run an autumn marathon in either Amsterdam or Berlin.

The Berlin course is recognised as one of the fastest in the world after Rotterdam, where both the men's and women's world marks have been set. But McKiernan's focus next spring is likely to be altered, if only temporarily, from the marathon she has her heart set on winning which has so far cluded her,

when it is hosted by Belfast. In the meantime, McKiernan, who received a congratulatory phone call from Ireland's president, Mary McAleese, after Sunday's victory in 2:26:26, is planning to escape the public gaze for a few days' holiday. . for example."

"There was a lot of publicity before the race, a lot of hypeshe said. "All the bus shelters in ireland have had pictures of me advertising this race and there's been a lot in the press. But I didn't let it ger in me."

While McKiernan's press was this autumn on the course all about expectation. Spain's Abel Anton, who won the men's debut last September - Berlin, title in a time that was just two The 28-year-old farmer's seconds outside the course record of 2:07:55, spent the week under the shadow of accusation.

Portugal's defending champion Antonio Pinto, who finished third on Sunday behind Amon and the Moroccan, Abdelkhader El Mouaziz, was quot-Rotterdam a week before Sun-.. ed as being sceptical about the huge recent success at distance running of Spaniards in general and Anton in particular.

Anton, and his manager Miguel Mostaza, vigorousiy das fended the Spanish position. and Pinto subsequently denied he believed there was any wrongdoing. Pinto's statement that he regarded Anton as a friend appeared to be borne out in the closing stages of Sunday's race as he and the Spaniard chased E! Mouaziz. The Portuguese runger waved Anton through for a lone pursuit when he realised he could no longer keep pace.

Abel, who has won four of his five marathous - including last year's World Championships in Athens, called yesterday for the sport's international governing body to increase blood testing.

"I'm happy to pass any type of test whenever the iAAF want," said Anton, who claimed the world cross country title, . he was the first ever athlete to take a blood test after last year's Bislett Games in Oslot.

"But the law must be the same for everyone," he added. "I've lived in the same town, so the testers know where they can find me. It's much more difficult to trace athletes in Africa

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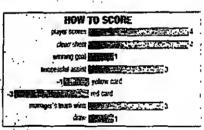
Today we publish the updated results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The league table includes all scores up to APRIL 19th. The player list includes scores from all games played until April 27th. Neither set of scores includes results from the FA Cup. The overall winner at the end of the season will win a pair of tickets to the World Cup finals in France this summer.

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Guineas contenders form a queue to take on Xaar

XAAR may prove to be the wonder horse that some expect and many more hope for but the presence of last season's outstanding two-year-old has failed to deter potential challengers in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas.

Twenty-three rivals were yesterday left io the Newmarket Classic for which the André Fabre-trained colt has been odds-on favourite since his winning reappearance in the Craven Stakes. The race looks likely to have its biggest field since 23 went to post in 1994.

Only five colts were taken out of the race, including Daring Derek who ran in Sunday's Italian 2,000 Guineas, and Impressionist, whose trainer. Aidan O'Brien, is likely to rely

testing ground.

(CLASS E) £4,500 added 2YO 5f

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12 5 JUST SUNDAY (22) W G M Turner 7 2 Mauth Danyer 4
10 5 BLARCH PARTY (FFR) (10) J Portran 7 2 L Mauth Danyer 4
13 declared - STRING S 2 Red Charges 9 3 Charaper, 8-1 Split The Aces, 8-1 Ivor's Investment, 16-1 Bioelschop Point, 12-1 Carra Bibs, 14-1 others

5.00 (CLASS D) ES,000 added 1m 3f 144yds LEVY BOARD FILLIES HANDICAP

— 11 declared —

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handcap weights: Siggioni 7st 4th.

BETTMIC: 13-4 Responsers, 5-2 Tycoon Time, 11-2 Happy Go Lucky,

5-4 Pappers, 5-1 Keepsiks, 10-1 LineSight, 12-1 Mary Cull, Miss Kalaglow, Coline Choice, 25-1 others

5.25 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £5,000 3YO 1m 2f 48yds

65- BORNE (227) 1 Beding 9 0 K Fation 5
1052- JAAZIM (USA) (195) M Stocke 9 0 S R Hills 1
1053- LEAR SPEAR (USA) (216) D Elevorth 9 0 S Drowner 7
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1053 SARVITY TROUGHTS (14) G Lewis 8 0 Paul Edday 9

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6.00: Coulton has disappointed

100 often to warrant support, but

could trounce these if regaining his

Ascot specialist but usually per-

Tamarisk, runner-up to Xaar Stakes, could be re-routed to over there," Jones said. Newmarket from his intended

reappearance in the French Guineas. Tim Jones, repre-RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Ballard Lady (Nottingham 2.45) NB: Tissue Of Lies (Ascot 7.05)

senting the colt's owners. Highclere Racing, said: "It depends on the ground. If the ground at Newmarket looked as though it was going to be good to soft or hetter and it was heavy in France then we would consider running him at Newmarket.

There are slight doubts

on King Of Kings but has also over his stamina and we pre- Rose and Shmoose all taken out left Second Empire in the race. Terred the logistics of the French race. We thought he had in last season's Dewhurst more chaoce of getting the trip -Having said that, the

doubts are not significant and if he goes to Newmarket we are confident of a hig run. He has improved significantly physically during the winter and 1 would be surprised if some marked improvement in ability isn't associated with the way he has strengthened out." Godolphin, yet to decide

on running plans, have left in all four of their entries: Almutawakel, Altibr, Central Park and Zaya. However, Sheikh Mohammed's organisation have narrowed their options in the following day's 1,000 Guineas, with Asfurah, Bahr, La Nuit

Ascot - 5.30

Mgefa Lad 5-2 11-4 3-1 7-4

Halle Derring 3-1 3-1 3-1 10-3 Tompelso 7-2 7-2 11-4 7-2

Allegation 8-1 6-1 6-1 5-1

East De Cologna 8-1 6-1 6-1 7-1

Bullers Bay 6-1 9-1 9-1 3-1

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	has been the subject of un
	favourable reports from Duba
	Yesterday, though, it wa
•	the soft-ground performers who
i	attracted most interest in the
	betting market. "With rain fore
	east throughout the week, pur
	ters have been spapping up the
	each-way value about some of

yesterday. Saeed bin Surpor's

two acceptors are the favourite.

Cape Verdi, and Embassy, who

the bigger priced horses with form on softened ground." David Hood, of William Hill, reported. Cloud Castle and Daupting Lady have been the best backed with Hills in the 1.000, with Border Arrow (16-1 from 25-1) in the 2,000.

Coral have shortened Cape Verdi to 5-2 from 11-4, but eased Jibe to 9-1 from 8-1, Loving Claim to 13-2 from 6-1 and Exclusive to 11-1 from 10-1. "Confidence in the fastground contenders like Loving Claim and Jibe is on the wane," Coral's Simon Clare said, Shahtoush continues to be well supported and was cut to 12-1 from 16-1 with Coral having been available at 40-1 on Saturday. "The vibes emanating from Ballydovic are incredibly positive, and the money has not stopped pouring on Shahtoush since Saturday," added Clare. ·Henry Cecil's Classic hope Fleerwood has split a pastern and is unlikely to be back on the racecourse uotil the autumn.

 Tomorrow's Ascot card is in doubt as part of the Flat course is waterlogged. There will be an inspection at 11.30am today.

3.45 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO filles 1m 54yds

SETTING: 3-1 Inciding, 7-2 Larranton Less, 4-1 Yernebi, 6-1 Transylve ria, 12-1 Care Kite, Rotne Cerlee, 14-1 Hueira, 16-1 others 4.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS E)

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4.45 WALTER LAXTON FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 2f

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10003 BAKERS DAUGHTER (29) (D) J Arnott 5 8: 15 C Lowther (3) 6

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1000 PEACEPUL SARAH (179) 8 Horbury 3 6: 3 ... R Firench 2

1000 DOCHASS (499) 8 J Pros 4 7 2 ... P Doc (5) 9

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5.30 BULLENS BAY (nap) 7.05 Machiavellt 5.00 Indian Jockey 7.35 Millersford 6.00 Indian Jockey 7.35 Millersford 6.30 Feels Like Gold (nb) 8.05 Better Offer GOING: Soft (Good to Soft in places on chase course):

Right-hand course with testing uptal finish. Tough tences.

Right-hand course with testing uptal finish. Tough tences.

Course is near junction of A329 and A330. Station edjoins course. ADMISSION:
Members £15 (17-25 year-olds half-price); Grandstand & Paddock £10, Salver Ring £5
CAR PARK: Nots 1, 2 & 3 30, persainder free.

QLEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: D Nicholson 18 wins from 94 races (success rate
212-5), M Pipe 6-76 (213-6), M Teleston-Devies 5-97 (55%), N Henderson 13-96 (233-6)

QLEADING JOCKEYS: A P MicCoy 25 wins from 05 runners (success rate 267-6), A
Naguirs 9-83 (213-6), M A Fitzgerald 18-135 (133-6), N Wallanson 13-65 (2016).

PAVOURTIES: 124 wins from 368 races (success rate 38-8%)

LONG DISTANCE RUNNER: Feels Like Gold (630) has been sent 286 miles.

RI INKERED FIRST TIME: None.

5.30 MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP BE 1922 HURDLE (CLASS B) \$7,500 added 3m

6.00 MICHAEL PAGE INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP GEOGRAPHICAL CHASE (CLASS B) £15.000 added 2m

STORM ALERT was a 10-length third to Indian Jockey over course and distance earfier this sesson. The 12-year-old has not really run badly since, yet goes off a 24lb lower mark. Storm Alert ran in-form Edredon Bleu to sight lengths at Sandown last time
and has dropped another 5lb since. He goes really well here thive course and distance
wins). When Edredon Bleu won the Grand Annual at Chellenham, he best Cumbrian
Chellenge (third) so lengths, with kiden Jockey 11th and Barrageers Boy 13th A
fine through that winner gives him the clear edge over those mals. Coulton has been
out of form since his reappearance here in November, while Black Statisment is over
three stone out of the handicap.

6.30 JOHN MOWLEM & CO NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) \$10,000 added 3m 110yds

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7.05 JOHN MOWLEM & CO NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE] (CLAS5 D) £5,000 added 2m 110yds

BETTING: 8-4 Mechiave®, 5-2 Tessue Of Lies, 11-4 Syrint Up, 6-1 Another Night, 8-1 Coulthard 1997 Cheef Mouse 4 11 10 A P McCoy 11 4 fav (F Jordan) 10 ran FORM 6 UIDE MACHIAVELLI, useful if not top-class on the Flat for Herry Cool, did not have much

to best on his hudding bow at Fortwell this month, but he ian our a clear-out winter and looks well (reated now that he thes a handicap. Sprint Up joined Martin Pipe after winning a claiming chase at Auneut this month and quockly made a successful start in this country, beating Centro is length and is half at Bangor. Tissue Of Lies, winner of an above-average Plumpton race, was a close third to happy Player Over course and distance last time (Another Night fifth and held). Coultirard, a Limenck witner last month, is difficult to assess first pine in this country.

Selection: MACHIAVELLI 7.35 MITSUBISHI DIAMOND VISION NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £6,500 added 2m 3f 110yds

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8.05 ROYAL ASCOT CRICKET CLUB NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f

BETTING: 5-2 Better Offer, 5-1 Supreme Charm, 11-2 Shore Party, 6-1 Native Player, 13-2 Veridan, 15-2 Just Nep, 8-1 Mr Markham, 20-1 Pabulon, 25-1 offers 997 Country Lover 6 ti D A P McCoy 4-5 tax (M Popel 9 can

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- 24 declared -Each-way a quarter the odds, places, 1, 2, 3 (Newsourker, Saluglay) C - Corel, H - William HR, L - Lesbroies, T - Total 1.000 Guineas Stakes (Im) 2051-4 ANOTHER FANTASY (22) 9 Herrion 9 0 _______ 50-1 100-1 180-1 50-1 3203-1 DAURITING LADY (15) R Hennon 6 0 8-1 72-1 9-1 10-1 135-4 ELSHAMMS (19) A Stowert 9 0 33-1 33-1 20-1 33-1 1121 EMBASSY (215) (C) Seeed by Suscor 9 6 ________ 16-1 (2-1 12-1 10-1 3180 JAY GEE (235) G Margarson 8 0 ______ 200-1 100-1 100-1 150-1 010- Q01K (197) (C) M Tompkine 8 0. 66-1 66-1 66-1 66-1 11411 REGAL REVOLUTION (226) P Walingto 80. 66-1 40-1 33-1 40-1 330-1 SHAHTOUSH (28) (D) A P OBner (M) 9 0 12-1 12-1 12-1 12-1 12-1 3/51- TARASCON (236) T Stack (cf) 99 ______ P Smullein 20-1 20-1 20-1 20-1

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HYPERION .

2.00 Hadith 2.30 Sadlan 3.00 Lochangel 3.30

Sharp Stock 4.30 Red Charger 5.00 Raspher-y Sauce 5.25 Jaazim

GOING: Soft. STALLS: Straight course - far rade, round course - riside rol. ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.

● Left hand, galloping course.
● Course 6 2m NW of city near A431 ADMISSION: Club £18 recommended under-first lengt; Eutersals ER, Sher Ring £5; Course 52. CAR PARIC Centre of course £5 for car plus driver and £2.

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2.00 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS O) (DIV I) \$5,000 included 3YO 1th 2148yds

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BETTUNG: 9-4 Exit 70 Sourcentere, 11-4 Peak Path, 6-1 Haddin, Zyrtero, 101 Leffah, 12-1 Cherokeo Ridge, 38-1 Midsummer Pamenou, 25-1 Others

2.30 TATTENHAM CORNER STAKES (CLASS C) 58,000 3YO 1m 21 46yds

CTI- DERRYCOLDS (172) F Creature 9 6. T Speaks 3
DTS- AMOSTROM (172) (SF) M Stode 9 1 February 1
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3.00 TOTE CORSTON STAKES (CLASS C) £10,000 added 51

3.30 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 46yda

BETTHIG: 9-2 Eastwall Half, SDp Venture, 8-1 Adeste Pideles, 7-1 Prick Of My Next 5-1 Factory Might, 5-1 Co Boss, 10-1 Carouse, 12-1 San-on Victory, 14-1 Eignesso, 15-1 The States Academy, 20-1 others

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103- ALMUTAWAKEL (215) Sweet tip Supply 80 ______ 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 1. ALTER (USA) (187) Seeled bin Buscor 6 0 ______ 50-1 66-1 50-1 50-1

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16- DUCK ROW (USA) (190) (D) (BF) 1 Toler 9 D .. 8 Sandles : 40-1 : 50-1 ...40-1 ...55-1

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181- HAANI (JEA) (211) (C) J Duniop 90 R File: \$1 204 20-1 18-1

1211- KING OF KINGS (223) (0) A P. O'Brieri (4) 9 D. M. J. Kirmen 4-1 7-2 7-2 10-3

1m 2 LA-FAAH (14) (2F) 9 HBs 90 ______ 25-1 66-1 40-1 50-1

1112: TAMARRISK (198) (C) R Crestion 8 D - 25-1 20-1 KAAR (19) (CD) A Fabre (F) 9 9 D Breeder 8-11 4-5 4-5 8-11

EVENUNG CHORUS (USA) R Simpson 9.0 M Gallaghar 1000-1 500-1 500-1 250-1

ASCOT 5.30: It is worth chancing that HYPERION'S BULLENS BAY can recapture the form that saw this nine-year-old TV TIPS spreadeagle a decent field in the Chepsiow mud in February (3m).

Haile Derring trailed home 14 lengths back in fourth that day. The The front-running INDIAN latter is 2010 better off this after-JOCKEY is another who has shown noon, but the Welsh runner won his liking for a sound surface, but easily then and today has the ashe should still prove hard to catch sistance of talented Theclaiming rider Shane Kelly. Tompetoo is an-

other stamina-laden hurdler best in 6.30: Gordon Richards's chasers are running well just now and FEELS LIKE GOLD can make worthwhile the long trip from Cumbria. This (0-year-old has two soft-ground wins at Ayr and Kelold sparkle. Cumbrian Challenge. , so to his credit in recent weeks and this bold jumper should be able to winner of this event 5 year ago, atgrind out a victory against today's tempts a repeat. Storm Alert is an opposition. Irish import Clever forms best on faster going than this. Remark must be feared.

Plying Gurner 20-1 35-1 35-1 35-1 Each way, a fifth the collect, places 1, 2, 3 Ascot - 6,30 C H L 92 41 41 41 Clarer Remark 41 82 03 82 Feels Like Gold 41 92 112 92 Preside Muck 51 51 51 11-2 Sporas Dolos 13-2 6-1 7-1 5-1 81 81 10-1 91 Mystic isia 12-1 10-1 11-1 10-1 Share Options 10-1 12-1 8-1 10-1 Beggerhedy 14-1 12-1 14-1 14-1 Each way a fire pre-cotts, places 1,29

4.00 TWERTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) 4.000 INVESTIGATE (CLASS E) 1 0000- LONGSPICK LAD (25) (C) (D) W MAIR 5 100 _____ Reid 14 2 500-05 MANGUS (27) (D) K Curringham-Brown 49 13... T duling 15 3 40003 BEALISELE REAR (21) (CD) M Bioraterid 49 9 ____ Curring 7 4 4005-5 RALLYMOTE (12) (D) J Bory 49 6 _____ P Fearery (5) 18 5 00-40 DANDE FLYEN (4)(D) 9 Arbettrot 59 6 fleet ... Withworth 3 2 2000 Taylore SolMASTON (9) (CD) R HOODE 79 2 S. Drowns 17 7 08000- BRYIN (183) (C) (D) (BF) M Laber 99 1 _____ R Street 10 8 -3207/ HAMMARY USHER (12) (D) 6 Bargh 89 9 ____ R Cochrane 8 9 (5222 ELTON LEDGER (8) (D) Ms N Meccalive 99 9 P McCaba (9) 2 10 0500- ROYAL BILLE (12) M Usher 3 8 10 _____ J Marchael 9 10 0500- ROYAL BILLE (12) M Usher 3 8 10 _____ J Marchael 9 11 0000- SHARP STOCK (7) R Hooges 59 4 ______ Lacor (7) 12 2 0000- WILL TO WIN (11) (D) P Multiply 49 9 _____ Dane O'Nell 15 13 0000- SHARP STOCK (7) R Hooges 59 4 ______ T Sprinter 13 15 55005 MIDNIERH COOKE (8) R Hooges 57 10 ______ J M Adams 1 16 0000- LISHTS OF HOME (435) Marc Cubrossy 4 7 10G Bardwell 8 17 56400 MARVEYS FUTURE (22) P Gilligm 47 10 ______ A Poll (5) 5 18 00003 CALANITRELLA (5) G Bardwell 7 100 _______ A Poll (5) 5 18 00003 CALANITRELLA (5) G Bardwell 7 100 ________ N Welley 11 16 disclaimed weight: Mate Tolly hereights (before 1) M Welley 11 16 disclaimed weight: Mate Tolly hereights (before 1) M Welley 11 16 disclaimed weight: Mate Tolly hereights (before 1) M Welley 11 16 disclaimed weight: Mate Tolly hereights (before 1) M Welley 11 17-17-17 Pyling Harrold, Mangues, Tellier Ober (14-1) Colonital Sex, 8-1 BatHarrold, Danishog Milysleys, 3-1 Billing, Hermalts, Labrae, Lungwick (and, 17-2-1 Pyling Harrold, Mangues, Tellier Germanton, 14-1 otherts Nottingham

HYPERION 2.15 Sky Mountain 2.45 Ballard Lady 3.15 Picasso's Heritage 3.45 Lamanka Lass 4.15 Sweet Dreams 4.45 Onefortheditch 5.20 Taufan Boy

GOING: Soft (Heavy in places). STALLS: SI & 61 - far addr; Trisfi - stand side; trest - inacte. DRIAW ADVANTAGE: None.

• Left-hend, over course. Flat and galloping with easy turns.

• Course is 2m E of city of I Bods ADMISSION: Cub. 514 (Junors, 18-21 years, STO); Tethersatis 59 (Aumors, 18-21 years, STO); Sever Ring & Pradedock St. CARP PARIX: Saver Bing \$12 (astimits car plus four occupants), remainder free.

• LEADING TRANSPES: J Duniop 19-19 (19%), H Cool 16-56 (26%), M Bell 11-27 (415), M Channon 5-28 (72%).

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M Bell 11-76 (41%), M Chanton 9-74 (12.2%), G Duffield 16-YOS
(52.5%), J Cultum 5-77 (85%), M Featon 12-99 (12.1%),

● FAYOURTEES: 224 wins from 850 (16.5%),

BLINKERED FRIST TIME: Sky Mountain (2.5%) TO JET MEADOWS SELLING STAKES (CLASS

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3.15 PORCHESTER AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) \$3,000 added 2YO 5f

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- 6 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Ring of Love, 4-1 Golden Reef, 9-2 Risky Valentine, 5-1 Smokin, 6-1 Captain Miller, 8-1 Picasso's Heritage, 14-1 others

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BE	TING: 5	2 Mono Lady, 4-1 Bakers Daughter, 5-1 Inclination, 6-1 One-
		7-1 Sueltajoy, 8-1 Falls O'Honess, 10-1 Rlying Filip, 20-1 others
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5.15 Locknagrain 5.45 Martha's Boy 6.15 Half Each 6.45 Maurangi 7.20 Double Collect 7.50 Saize The Day

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5.15 ROBERT LENTON MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) \$1,500 added 3m THE THOUTSAND RED (25) (D) Mes A M NEWTO-Smith 10 20 Mr P Bus (T)

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THE THOUGHT (FOR (T) Mr S C Base) 12 20 Mr B Polico (7) - 8 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Lockmagnith, 9-2 Toolope, 5-1 Rightsaidhad, 6-1 Senny Mont, 7-1 Mainr Main Man, Vosi Witness, 10-1 Tollast Lad, 20-1 Sheer Ability

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20:1 MR ROWN SEGOS (14) (D) Mes S Botte IT 20 JM R Burde (7)

25:4 SAFFRON FLAME (PT) (D) J Turner 8: 20 JM A Semonte (5)

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-more, 16-1 Studiow Heve, 20-1 Broad Steams, Seafron Patrie, 33-1 others

6.15 HUNTINGDON RESTRICTED NOVICE
HUNTER CHASE FINAL (H) £2,000 3th

1 ASSUUS COLORFUL BOY (PTS) (II) HAMMAN 9 2 0

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4 PS-2LS GRANTS CAROLSE (PS) (II) W Warms 8 2 0

- Mr O Pase (7) 8

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- Mr O Pase (7) 9

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5 39 3P DRIANSTICK (PIS) (C) (D) Mas H avrig 2 20 Mas H living (7) 6 J4P33 SEZ-AWAY (27) Mrs C Baley 9 2 0 Mas H living (7) 7 P24 P3 LUCAS COURT (P27) (D) 5 Garror 2 2 0 Mrs G Sarrot (7) P3003 PREMIER FIRST (P10) N Power 8 2 0 Mrs G Power 7 3 1.0 P2 REPEAT THE DOSE (27) (CD) 7 D McCarrity 3 10 Mrs C 7.50 E ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES AMATEURS H'CAP HURDLE (E) \$2,900 2m 5f 110yds

4 00 EXECUTIVE DEPICER (22) R POWERS 116 Mr. 7 PRODUCE (7)
5 PPOUP LORD ANTRIAL (22) R POWERS 116 Mr. L Heach (7)
6 0000 RUSTIC REVERTY (33) R Yor 5 116 Mr. W Yesters (7)
7 PPOUP PARTY BEDLAM (4) EL Jernes 8 11 Mr. W Westers (7)
8 FATS SPLENDOUR (14) Mr. E Heach 7 11 Mr. S Hoesther (7)
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5.45 GEOFFREY BEVAN NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 3m

Miss 9 Phizackine (7)
9ETTING: 2-5 Marths's Boy, 6-1 Rob Miss, 6-1 Mountsharson, 12-1 Emors, 16-1 Station River, 20-1 Broad Steams, Settron Flame, 33-1 others

4.00: 1, KAYO (D Holland) 14-1, 2, Jack Ruby 25-1; 2, Pearly Queen 20-1 14 rds. 92 Stgapy Favour (Bih) 11:, rd. (T Ether-ington, Malton) Tote: C1390: C330, C1440, C390, Dual Forecast: C50590, Computer Straight Forecast: C5123 Tricast: C645101

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3.45: 1, BLACK ICE 80V (C Cogan) 14-1: 2, All On 6-1: 3. Spring Marathon 7-1 15 ran. 9-2 fav Hignfield Fizz. 4, 6, (R Bas-tran, Watherby) Total E2007. 2250. 2250 2300. Out Forecast 15:390 CSF: 18335. Ticast 159468 This 27320 4,15: 1, LEGAL 15SUE (T Sprais) 5-2: 18749 Sattler 8-1: 3, Queen's Instignie 4,75: 7, LEGAL ISSUE (T Sprake) 5-2: 2. Writte Sattler 8-1: 3, Queen's insignie 15-6 faz 12 zen. hd. 5 M Hezterton, Manon's Tokic (250): 11/0 12/0 13/40 Dual Forecast 17/60 Computer Straight Forecast 12/24

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Smagn Foregast Sinus Incast 16,401. The net wen, poel of \$42190 carrier forward to Beth 4,00 today. 4,30: 1. SHIRLEY NOT [G Carter] 4-1 tay. 4,30: 1. SHIRLEY NOT [G Carter] 5-1 10 ran. stand, T/L. U Berry, Cookstham) Totay (\$4.0); \$190, \$1260, \$110, \$125560, \$160, \$10000.

CSF, £55.05 Sound's Ace (5-1) withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets deduction 15p in the pound. Winner bought deduction (5p in the pound. Winner bought in for \$800 guneas \$.00: 1. ELBA MAGIC (D R McCabet 12-1: 2. Mise All Alone 7-2); fav: 3. \$Travea 7-2; fav: 14 ran. 2. **C. nk. (C Dwysr, Newmarker: Tota: \$2300, \$100, \$250, \$100 DF; \$2780, \$55: \$5080, \$1005; \$27750, \$100 DF; \$2800, \$100 DF; \$2780, \$250, 0891 261 970

Followers of the game need a rest as much as the players



ALAN WATKINS

ON RUGBY tours lasting months, notably tried to drink it up all at once Zealand and South Africa. those of the British Lions, had - and in the process made been devised in an age when themselves sick. teams and their entourage travelled by ship. It was now posquickly by aeroplane.

matches between a European three reasons for this. country and one from the southern hemisphere.

overwhelming case for the Eng- players can remember. sible for them to travel more land team, at any rate, to put their feet up and watch the rac- a case for paying a visit to one Accordingly, shorter tours ing on Channel 4 or confine only of the southern hemicould and should be arranged. their activities to the golf course sphere countries. The South There could even be single or the cricket field. There were African trip to France before

The rugby authorities have Africa in 1997, even though one) about the potential at last caught up with what I fewer England players than strength of the bost country, was Africa, is the very midsummer wrote on that occasion. But they had originally been expected a model of what could be have done so in the wrong were finally selected for the achieved in the jet age.

What I meant was that long slowly over the years, they have games against Australia. New

In this summer there was an heen the hardest that thost

this year's Five Nations' First, the Lions had under- Championship, which misled so

pher Blaise Pascal said: "All the tion, he will still be taking Rodber and Tony Underwood, ought not to have been misfortunes of men derive from them, presumably for contrac-And, third, the club match- one single thing - which is tual reasons. If he pulls out he Woodward's first-choice XV. Of es in the season just ending have their inability to be at ease in is, I assume, in breach of the these five, only three - Dallaglio,

quietly at home, There might, just, have been he said for it this summer. accompanying an under-Even the short tour of one country would he too much. The three-ring circus which the RFU is proposing, with taken a hard tour of South many observers (though not this matches against Australia, New Zealand (twice) and South of madness.

strength outfit. a party, both Australia and 10 will be available in the end. plaint with the International to make the trip will drop out. Board, Already there are 10 The England coach, Clive about it Kyran Bracken, Mike the point. It is that, irrespective provides them with the eash.

Bul if Woodward takes such may also be that some of these were lucky.

But as the Good Book Woodward, is against the tour Calt, Lawrence Dallaglio, Je- of the strength of the partycolumn that rugby union had young man who has been left hall. Union had already might have put it, the jet engine if, as seems fairly certain, he remy Guscott, Richard Hill, which, understandably and correct to come to terms with the a college of Grand and the contract of the contract yet to come to terms with the a cellar of fine wine by a rich arranged a punishing pro- was made for man, not man for cannot take a full-strength Martin Johnson. Jason rectly, is the primary concern of invention of the let engine. invention of the jet engine. uncle, Instead of enjoying it gramme in late 1997 involving the jet engine. As the phillso-squad But, despite his opposi- Leonard, David Rees, Tim the host countries - the trip

Of these, five were part of arranged in the first place. Nor is It only the players with want a rest. The followers of the a room. In other words, there terms of his agreement with the Guscott and Johnson -could be game need one as well. There is a lot to be said for staying RFU. However, his assistant, considered indispensable, for was a time, not so long ago, John Mitchell, has already Matt Dawson and Dominic when rugby enthusiasts would There is manifestly a lot to indicated that he will not be Chapman would respectively see a great player from overprovide more than adequate seas, or a great team, once in cover for Bracken and Rees. It a lifetime, perhaps twice if they

Today, not least because of New Zealand will lodge a com- while others now thought able cable and satellite television, they have wall-to-wall rugby. But whether or not Wood- The administrators of the game players who either cannot ward can come up with a more should be careless lest, through make the trip or are doubtful or less full-strength squad is not greed, they kill the goose that

Fitzpatrick the fabulous All Black bids farewell

New Zealand's remarkable hooker has succumbed to a knee injury and retired. Chris Hewett assesses his fine career.

THE mind's eye focuses on a ria's Loftus Versfeld Stadium. All Black hookers are not genfor all we know, he is badly knight, there was always the injured.

But now, as the flotsam and jetsam of a hroken Springbok team drifts towards the players' tunnel, the New Zealand captain begins tu stir.

almost feeble declaration of mer's return visit to South triumph, pulls himself slowly to Africa and despite immediate his feet and stumbles exhaust- surgery, the lingering after-efed into the arms of Michael Jones and Zinzan Brooke, fel- few minutes of the four-Test tour low travellers in a successful ex- of Britain and Ireland in the aupedition to conquer a sporting tumn. "I'll rest for a few months

patrick achieved the ultimate it has not shaped up at all. that August day in 1996 by series victory on South African ipated in the five previous 1976. It was entirely typical of risked life and limb to make the New Zealand coach, at the time, "Say what you like about him, but the guy's special."

And now he has decided to black-shirted, silver-ferned retire at 34. Holy Grails tend figure lying prone and spent on to have that effect on people: the harsh, dry grass of Preto- Fitzpatrick was no Galahad -It is only seconds since Sean erally considered a sweet and Fitzpatrick disappeared be- gentle breed-and although he neath several hundredweight of opted to hang around rather prime South African beef and longer than Arthur's blessed feeling that his work had been completed up there on the high veld.

The confirmation came in the small hours of yesterday morning. Fitzpatrick had dam-He punches the ground in an aged a knee during last sumlects ruled him out of all hut a In All Black terms, Fitz- said before flying home, Sadly,

"I wanted to give myself leading his country to a first Test - every possible chance but I still can't run for more than 10 soil: a nectar-sweet experience minutes without a lot of pain." that had cluded an entire pun- he admitted yesterday. "I'm theon of legends who parties sorry, because this is not the perfeet way to end, but it's time to "great treks" between 1928 and look to the other things in my life. I've had 30 years playing the the man that he should have game I love and the last 12 of those playing for the greatest final tackle in the final second team in the world. I've had some of an epic contest. That's Fitzy fantastic cuaches and I've all over," mused John Hart, the played with some fantastic players. I just want to thank inem all.

Laurie Mains, the sombre



Formidable figure: New Zealand's Sean Fitzpatrick (centre) secured his Holy Grail when the All Blacks defeated South Africa in Pretoria in 1966

yet strikingly imaginative coach ing the big. brash bear of an caps and scored a dozen Test while his elders and alleged bet- the new boy's form was too hot. stages of revolution - but after heights of 15-man attacking deed, but the statistics bear Test debut as a "Baby Black" in turned as captain for the inau-hooker plying his brutal trade 1996 was Fitzpatrick's annus rughy, did not hesitate in plac-Mains out. Fitzpatrick won 92 1986, squaring up to the French gural World Cup a year later, in New Zealand - before vol-mirabilis.

"He is the epitome of All Black

rugby. You don't have to like the guy to admire him, which

is probably just as well" -

Brian Moore, the former

England and Lions hooker,

whose relationship with his

rival front-rower was never

"I was just inviting him to a bar-

becue and wanting to know

if held like one sausage or two"

completely harmonious.

who not only guided the All Aucklander alongside Colin tries. Those are hig bucks in any- ters were massaging their hank. Fitzpatrick would go on to briefly toying with retirement in Blacks to the 1995 World Cup Meads as one of the two great- one's currency.

accounts with the so-called Cav- play 64 consecutive Tests - a the autumn of that year, he final but also led them to new cst players ever produced by The son of Brian Fitzpatrick; aliers in apartheid South Africa. mind-blowing number for any committed himself to one last final hut also led them to new est players ever produced by and see how it shapes up." he and previously unimagined New Zealand. A bold claim in- a 1950s All Black, he made his Although Andy Dalton re- front-row forward, let alone a raid on rugby history. Fittingly,

Australian hooker and captain,

on giving his opposite number

the two-fingered salute during

*Fitzy's fine, but le Roux is in

hospital with blood poisoning"

- A New Zealand journalist's

view of the infamous 1994

incident in which Johan le

Houx, the Springbok prop, bit

a Bledisloe Cup match.

have torn it off had I known

they'd give me that long. At

least I could have had the sat-

isfaction of coming back home

with the guy's ear in my

after being banned for misuse

"He's retiring? That's the most

'The epitome of All Black rugby' - what they said about Fitzpatrick - Phil Kearns, the former "An 18-month suspension? ld spoke with him he gave himself a 50-50 chance of playing

this year - Rod Macqueen,

the Wallaby coach.

*Sean Fitzpatrick is a sturning pocket" - Johan le Roux New Zealander, there can't be a single person who doesn't both admire what he's done and feel sorry that his careerhas ended - Jenny Shipley .: the New Zealand Prime exciting news I've heard for a while, because the last time I Minister.

untarily giving way to Norm Hewitt for a turkey-shoot match with Japan during the pool stages of the 1995 tournament. Predictably, he was back for the next encounter. By that time, he had cap-

tained his country through three chequered years of rebuilding and experimentation and many assumed he would call it quits after losing a tight '95 World Cup final to François Pienaar's inspired Boks. But the Grail continued to light his path; his are many other great Ali body was beginning to protest Blacks, but there will never be - indeed, it was in the early another Sean."

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From the very beginning of his Test career, he set new standards of mobility and foothalling nous, he was hard, mean, aggressive, noisily competitive, endlessly provocative and a monumental pain in the hacksides of opponents the world over. He was also, in all probability, the finest hooker ever to fill a jockstrap. As Hart said of his Auckland compatriot yesterday: "We will find another captain and there

Henman rallies to put skids under Knippschild

TIM HENMAN held his nerve after losing the second set to beat the German challenger mas Nydal, a 30-year-old Jens Knippschild 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 in the opening round of the BMW

Open in Munich yesterday. The fourth-seeded Henman made up for last week's opening round loss on clay in Monte ponent. Oliver Gross.

on Knippschild. The British No 2 now faces an opponent he has never played before - Tho-Swedish journeyman, ranked 77 in the world. The top seed, Britain's Greg Rusedski, will play a late afternoon match today against another German op-

the opening set when Knippschild broke serve to take a 4-3 advantage but quickly gathered his resources to break back in the next game. Henman held for 5-4 and then broke again to secure the set after 30 minutes.

Knippschild's resistance stiffened in the second set and he pressed Henman to the limit in

ing him to save three break points before the challenger managed to break for 4-3. However, the wurld No 122,

who had won only two matches coming into the contest. dropped his serve in the eighth game, allowing Henman back into contention at 44.

The security of the break

Henman survived a scare in the lengthy seventh game, force back did not last. Henman found himself facing three hreak points a game later and fell to 4-5. Knippschild levelled the sets after 75 minutes.

Henman took charge again in the third, racing through to victory with the loss of only one game to complete the contest in one hour and 37 minutes. Results, Digest, page 29

On a wet, miserable after-

England gain repeat victory

Hockey

By Bill Colwill

ENGLAND'S women beat the United States 2-0 in the final of a Four Nations Invitation Tournament in Massachusetts yesterday - the second victory over their fellow World Cup opponents by a two-goal margin on successive days.

noon England took the lead in

the 23rd minute with a goal from less satisfied with the fact that Tina Cullen, who had recovered from a facial injury which had kept her out during the early games, and the victory was sealed by Mandy Nicholls 19 minutes into the second half.

Maggie Souyave, the coach, was particularly pleased with England's performance and the progress made during the four matches in which they have scored 14 times without conceding a goal. The coach will be

England managed to score only. four times from 35 penalty corner attempts. Impressive as England's form has been, it must be said that the opposition was not the strongest, although the Americans and India have qualified for the World Cup.



Today's fixtures

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Upswich v Sunderland (7.45)
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Leighton v Wivenhos (7.45); Tooling &
Michain v Cheston (8.75);
Michain v Cheston (7.45); Planto Full Mentebers' Cup final: Basingstoke v Hendon (6.4)

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIRST Division: Atherion LR v Newcastle Town; Burscough v Ramsbottom; Holker Old Boys v Hastingden; Mossley v Maine Road; Warrington v Citherce. UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier Dhriston: Eynesbury v Boston Town; Potton v Mirrless Blackstone; Stot-fold v Welfingborough. JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Di-vision (745): Warboys v Halstead; Scham v Clacton.

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EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIF Group A: Dermerk v Greece for Broadwood stadium, Cumbarnauldi; Sweden v Icelans (af Love Street, Palstay) Group B: Liecht

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Ebdon stays focused to reach the quarter-finals

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hly be enigmatic in the green.

hly be engineers. Twint these courgettes ut I can't tell you why. It's for ou to find out." Like a striper from a more innocent age re usually covers up as much as te reveals. It was the same yeserday as he reached the quarer-finals of the Embassy World hampionship with a 13-5 win over Ireland's Fergal O'Brien. his style had been remodelled

but would the layman be able owns race horses and he is also tell us what other motivational tools he had been using? "No".

Instead we got a soundbite: ETER EBDON would prob- "I don't think it's a question that my focus left me, I left my focus," which was like a piece of Labour Party spin, all very neat until you realised it told you very little. Where's the meat, you might ask. Just do not expect an .

Which, if it makes Ebdon appear shallow, is unfair because he is at least as rounded as anyone can be on the snooker circus. He makes pop records, he

good enough to have reached the final of this tournament two years ago. It is just that he likes

That 18-12 defeat to Stephen Hendry in the final of 1996 had such a diminishing effect on him that it has taken the intervening time and a Nick Faldo-style remodelling to recover. In Faldo's case the guru was David Leadbetter, in Ebdon's Chris Henry, a snook-

"I've learnt more in the last six or seven months than I have in the last seven years," Ebdon

said. "He's a very good coach. No 3 in the world, with my tech- charity SPARKS because he is and he's done a world of good for me."

What was wrong? "Where's Mr Freud." he replied. "At a very deep level it took a long time to forgive myself for losing in the final of the world championship. When you are a professional sportsman and you set yourself very high goals it's disappointing when you don't meet those targets.

"I've been highly critical. You could say that I won two tournaments last season but I wasn't playing well, I wasn't go-

nique that's as far as I was going to get because I got there on sheer determination, hard work and bottle. Now I know I've got

the technique." Certainly there seemed a great honour." nothing wrong with it yesterday. Ahead 12-4 overnight, he lost the first frame of the day, when O'Brien had a break of 67, but closed the match emphatically with a clearance of 124. He will now meet the fourth seed Mark Williams.

That win means Ebdon has already earned more than ing anywhere. Although I got to £3,000 here for the children's

donating 10 per cent of his earnings. "What better thing could you do for your self worth than raising money for medical research for kids," he said. "It's

Ronnie O'Sullivan was a frame short of joining Ebdon in the last eight, leading Alan Mc-Manus 12-4 going into last night's evening session. The seventh seed had established a 7-1 lead on Sunday and. if he could have taken six of yesterday afternoon's eight frames, he would not have had to return to the Crucible.

Instead McManus fough back and won the first frame of the day with a break of 71, another to make it 9-3 with a 64. and then frustrated O'Sullivan's hreak for an evening off with a 57. The winner will meet Jimmy White in today's quarter

If that contest was onesided, the remaining second round match hetween Mark King and Matthew Stevens was anything but. They were level at 8-8 going into last night's session and few clues as to which would get to his first world quarter-final were uncovered.

Kendall falls out with his chairman

Football 5

By Alan Nixon

THE Everton manager, Howard Kendall, is heading for a confrontation with his chairman. Peter Johnson, over the signing of John Spencer.

Johnson wants the £1.5m transfer of the Scottish striker to he put on hold until the Goodison club know their fate in the Premier League. However, Kendall has told Spencer. who went through extensive heart tests last week, that the deal will be completed today.

It is the latest clash between Kendall and Johnson over money. The chairman blocked a predeadline move for the Chilean Fernando Sierra after the manager set up the deal. The Spencer case is more serious.

The Queen's Park Rangers striker was with the Everton purty for a day ont at the races yesterday and thinks he is moving. Kendall has stood by the striker despite the discovery of a heart mutanur in a medicat and Spencer would not have had minor surgery if he thought the move was in doubt.

Chelsea's player-manager Giauluca Vialli is chasing two of Italy's brightest young talents: Samuele Dallahona and Ricardo Pagliuci. Vialli and his assistant. Gra-

ham Rix, have watched the pair play for Italy in the European Under-16 Championship in Scotland.

The Italian captain Dallabona, of Atalanta, was outstanding in his role as midfield playmaker. The centre-half Pagliuci was also in commanding form - he is with the Serie B side Torino.

The Premier League has restated the requirement for clubs to field their strongest available team, amid fears that Chelsea will rest their top men prior to the European Cup-Winners' Cup final when they play Bolton Wanderers in a potential relegation decider on the last day of the season.

Chelsea's chairman. Ken Bates, has been lobbying the Premier League to move forward the game against Bolton. as it falls just three days before the Cup-Winners' Cup tinal in Stockholm. But the Premier League has confirmed that it will not be changing the date of the match.

West Ham have confirmed that the French midfielder Mare Keller is one of several players they have been watching over recent months. He is available on a free transfer this summer from the German club Karlsruhe, due to the Bosman

Hollioake enjoys a field day

Cricket

By David Llewellyn at The Oval

Warwickshire 207 & 149 Surrey 405-6 Surrey win by an innings and 49 runs

IF BRIAN LARA had seen his side's record against Surrey at . The Oval it is unlikely the Warwickshire captain would have expected anything other than a defeat of this magnitude. Victory SHANE WARNE has said be is on the old ground is turning into fo seek specialist treatment this. a task of sisyphean proportions:

Pregreat to get maximum points might put him out of the game en the Midlanders, who began following tour of Pakistan. this season as favourites for the Championship, 36 times -21 of. them by an maines.

A dishearteningly inept dis- England's Nick Knight and play by the top order as War- Dougie-Brown, Trevor Penney. wickshire set about trying to David Hemp and Keith Piper. demolish Surrey's first innings ad .: The wicketkeeper . Piper was vantage of 198 runs metely the first to go, leg before wick-added to the disappointment, exin the third over of the mom-Lura spared none of the batsarea. ing. after being obliged to open March drawn not even himself, savme: "The top five have been way below par. Knight's enforced absence. Everybody, including me, has to look inside themselves. We have to get runs on the board and we

didn't in this game." In fact. Lara was the only Warwickshire player who tried to adopt a positive approach. His natural game saw him striking his first half-century of the season, only to fall victim to Mark Butcher shortly before tunch when essaying a leg glance. That proved to be a critical wicket.

not pulling their weight and the Surrey attack on its mettle, there was no way Warwickshire were going to be allowed to record their first win on the ground since 1975. Martin Bicknell was in particularly sharp form from the outset and if he was not taking wickets early on then he was certainly not giving away runs. In fact, the bulk of his five wickets came after lunch.

week on his injured bowling

He accounted for some real

It was all very well for Adam shoulder. After returning from Hollioake, his opposite number. Australia's Test series in India, at Surrey, to talk of it being. Warne said his shoulder injury against a side as good as War-. for two to six months, and he is wickshire...", but in 75 previous in doubt for the Commonwealth meetings here. Surrey had beat- . Games in September and the

quality as he notched up his 28th five-wicket haul sending back the warwickshire innings in

the fray at the fall of the fifth wicket - the back spasm he suffered on Saturday kept him out of the action long enough to deny him earlier participation - there was just too much to do. And anyway Surrey were in full cry by thea.

Hollioake had Bicknell working from the Vauxhall End and the in-form Ian Salisbury wheeling and dealing his leg-spin from the Pavilion End and it all proved beyond Warwickshire.



Surrey's slip cordon steps up the pressure as Warw' ... wire slump to an innings defeat at The Oval yesterday

Leatherdale brightens day

at Leicester

v Leicestershire

By the time Knight entered cricket can seem a very silly game public net. and its public all the higger fools for turning up. After three have seemed pretty puzzling. days lost to the weather, the not least because both sides had chances of a positive result here yesterday were remote in the ex- nominated on Thursday, altreme - and yet the rules of the Britannic Assurance Champiplay a one-mnings match, from which the winner, were there to rush across from Worcester

be one, would take 12 points. The trouble was that the rules were taken to the letter, to toss up and then was out with-Worcestershire deciding, after out scoring.

Leicestershire had put them in. that if this was to be a one-innings match then the one innings would be theirs. They duly batted all day, or at least until and leave at 5.20pm. Thus there IT IS ON days such as these that was no contest at all; merely a

For the spectator, it must different captains from the ones though Tom Moody, who flew back from international duty in onship insisted that the teams Sharjah on Friday, must have wondered why he bothered to yesterday to take over from Graeme Hick. He was too late

Leicestershire were led by Chris Lewis, after James Whitaker withdrew with a knee problem. This is the same Chris Lewis who sought fulfilment in they were allowed to pack up vain at Nottinghamshire and Surrey after leaving Grace Road under a cloud in 1991. What odds might have been had then on him coming back as

For the record - but only that - the opener Philip Weston spent almost five hours on the same wicket used for the previous day's AXA League match before a brilliant catch by Phil Simmnns at mid-wicket dismissed him for 77, one of three victims for the left-arm spin of Matthew Brimson, who snared an unfortunate David Leatherdale for 99.

Silverwood shines as Yorkshire move ahead in Championship

CHRIS SILVERWOOD set 42 as Nick Speak's defiant 74 out his stall for inclusion in Eng- failed to prevent Durham slipland's Texaco Trophy squad to ping to defeat as Gloucesterface South Africa as he bowled shire moved to fifth. Steve e to the top of the County Championship table. Yorkshire routed Derbyshire by 111 runs at Headingley vesterday and they have opened a 14-point lead over Surrey and Sussex.

ond innings at 105 without loss to set the visitors a target of 322. But although Kim Barnett and Adrian Rollins made a thirdwicket stand of 110 Derbyshire slipping to 210 all out. Silver-Courtney Walsh bagged 6 for

Yorkshire declared their sec-

three wickets each hefore Gloucestershire declared their second innings on 103 for 6, setting the hosts a target of 248. overs as Durham initially

slumped to 42 for 4 and, after Speak had sparked a mid-order recovery, the veteran paceman returned to wrap up the tail. The Sussex captain, Chris

wood boosted his match haul to sex but the return of the rain nine wickets by taking 4 for 42 meant the contest at Chelmsford ended in a draw.

Walsh took 3 for 18 in nine

Adams, completed his second century of the match against Es-

With the rest of the batsmen Cricket scoreboard

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Yorkshire v Derbyshire HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (22pts) beet Derbyshire (2pts) by 111 runs YORKSHIRE - First busings 352 for 5 dec (M.J. Wood 103, 11 Systs 103) and 87-0 (A Mo-(ad) 56 no). DERBYSHIRE — First Innings 136 for 5 dec (K J Bernett 55 no; C E W Stvenwood 5-38). YORKSHIRE - Second Innings

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JP Stepherson c Ripley D Ross 1
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The world champion Phil Taylor has won his third successive Antwerp Open title to reinforce his position as the world No 1. Taylor defeated the third-ranked Rod Harrington 3-1 effer dropping just two legs on his way to Equestrianism

tan Stark rode his new mount. Lady Harrington's Saucy Brown, into tourth place in the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event on Sunday. Stark, the only Britton competing in this four-star contest, finished just 18 points behing the New Zealand winner, Nick Larkin on Red. William Fox-Pitt, a team-mate of Starks when Britain won the European Open Championship last September broke his arrive in a fall at Weston Park at the weekend and could be sidelined for several months. The British show jumper, Tim Stockdale, is also on the casualty list. He underwent surgery on Saturday night after being kicked on the knee by a young horse and will be trustratingly sidelined when his new sponsorship deal is announced next

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Rugby League
The Sheffield Eagles prop forward Dale Laughton was yesterday cleared to ptay in Saturday's Sik Cut Challenge Cup final against Wigan at Wembley by the League's executive He had peviously been threatened with suspension after he was placed on report for a tecke on prop Joe Berry during his side's Super League match at hudderfield on Sunday. The Eagles will find out today whether full-back Wasale Sovetabus can play after he was sent off in Sheffield's 48-18 win over Huddersfield. He will appear in Iront of the eld. He will eppear in Iront of the

Snooker EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield) Second round: J White (English D Morgan (Wal) 13-3; P Ebdon (English F O'Brien (iri) 13-5.

Swimming

The world 1500m freestyle champion Grant Hackett, and the Olympic champion for the event, Kieren Perkins, have failed to qualify for the 200m event at the Commonwe Games. Hackett was unlucky to miss the final at the Australian trials when he was left standing on the blocks, recovering to finish .05 seconds outside the top eight. Perkins, who has won the past two Olympic titles over 1,500m and is seeking a third in Syd-ney in 2000, won the 200m at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria.

A Sydney schoolboy lan Thorpe beat the world champion Michael Klim to win the 200m freestyle final at the Aus-relian national championships yes-lerday. Thorpe, 15, clocked Imm 4724sec, His time was the fifth lastest in historical braid was a Carrier Carrier in history and broke the previous Com-monwealth record of 1min 47.25sec.

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TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of goals scored in his last three matches in Japan's J-League by Masashi Nakayama, the Jubilo Iwata striker. After scoring five and four in his two crevious matches, his tatest haul of four in a 7-1 defeat of Avispa Fukuoka on Saturday looks set to put him into the record books, as there is no other example of such a tally at profes-

sional level.

Those magnificent men in their flying machines



Flying high: Riders take to the air in the world motocross championships in Schwanenstadt, Austria. Darryll King of the Netherlands won the first round of the 500cc from Peter Johansen of Sweden with Germany's Bernd Eckenbach third

United secure Stam in £10m world-record deal



IT SOUNDS corny and convenient hut if you had asked Jaap Stam a few months ago which answer would have been Manthe world transfer record for a any transfer fee. defender with an offer of £10m. even more acceptable.

Stam, a 25 -year-old central defender who has won 11 caps

after his club PSV Eindhoven had been battered into a deal by both the player and United. The figure represents a compromise club he would like to join the been pushed up from £8m, PSV have come down from nearly but PSV wouldn't sell. chester United. That was even twice that and Stam waived a before the Old Trafford money clause in his contract that would to change our centre-backs a lot a good header of the ball." machine was prepared to break have guaranteed 15 per cent of this season, but he comes with

"Everyone recognises Jaap Now, you suspect, the union is Stam as a world-class defender and that's what we need. I'm very pleased that, subject to the formalities, we have managed for the Netherlands, will join the to sign him." Alex Ferguson, the English champions next week United manager, said yesterday.

who is quick and can pass the chester next season. We don't ball. We need top defenders like him for the very top level. I tried from all sides as United have to sign Jaap last summer. In fact, we tried very hard to get him. "It's fair to say that we've had

> an excellent playing record and that's important." The Dutch international's

agent, Henk von Hengle, said: Manchester and PSV both have a game this week, so we intend to come over at the heginning of next week. I am Zwoliche was such a rough di-

"He's a terrific defender sure he will be playing in Man- amond that De Jong frequentespect any more problems." Stam's personal terms

should be a formality. "His

dream has come true," the PSV coach, Dick Advocaat, said. "He's a real pro, very fast and A 6ft lin central defender,

Stam did not turn professiona until the comparatively late age of 19 with FC Zwolle. His manager then was Theo de Jong, who has been a key figure in his development.

When Stam first played for

ly had his judgement questioned. The same thing occurred at Cambuur Leewar-. den and Willem II Tilburg where coach and player followed each other but when Eindhoven payed im guilders (£350,000) for him three years

ago the doubts fell away. ternational debut as a substitute against Germany in 1996 but came fully to the fore in a friendly against Brazil where his command of the air and his marking of his former PSV team-mate, Ronaldo, confirmed his stature.

previous year's winner. Ronald de Boer, to the Dutch footballer of the year trophy in 1997, had been contracted to play for Eindhoven until 2003.

His arrival at United will cast question marks over other playwhile Henning Berg, who cost £5m from Blackburn last autumn, may be forced to leave.

The previous most expensive defender was Spain's Roberto Rios, who moved to Athletic Bilbao from Real Betis for £9m.

French braced for ticket chaos

Football

By Catherine Riley

WORLD CUP organisers are bracing themselves for another round of accusations of a second fiasco when up to 40,000 additional tickets go on sale today.

First and second-round tickets have been returned by national associations unable to self. their allocations and last week the scramble for tickets resulted in 10 million people in Britain

Isabello Delaye, of the French organising committee (CFO), confirmed the tickets will be sold by the same system, but Graham Bean, the chairman of the Football Supporters' Association, believes that the French are setting themselves up for another fiasco.

First we hear that there are no more available, then miracalously another 40,000 are on sale," he said. "I've absolutely no doubt the whole thing will end in chaos again." The horline number is 0033-149-875-354...

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Another person who will not be going to the World Cup, it seems, is David Ginola. Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, said yesferday be was not particularly impressed with the Tottenham player, "I have a lot better players than him." Jacquet said. "And I told Spurs coach Christian Gross so when he called me."

Meanwhile, the West Ham goalkeeper, Bernard Lama, will. have to wait until France's first. game of the finals to see if he wins back his place after Jacquet said he would not decide between him and Fabien Barthez until actually naming his team for the match against

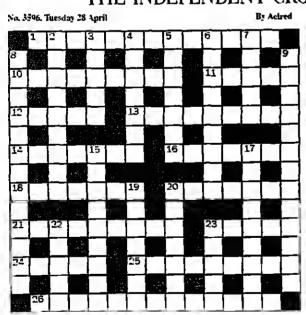
Glenn Hoddle, meanwhile, is having his World Cup plans overshadowed by problems off the pitch. The England coach: may have to go to court to de... fend his reputation after psychic Uri Geller insisted that he has no intention of backing down in the face of possible legal action.

Geller told a Sunday newspaper that Hoddle had visitedhim at his home a couple of years. ago and made various claims ers. Gary Pallister had been about what had taken place'

Hoddle, however, has described Geller's claims as "an extraordinary combination of lies, maccuracies, exaggerations and. misleading innuendoes" and is

taking legal advice. Spencer clash, page 29

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Woodward delays naming tour party

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

England coach, will wait until 12 May before naming his partv for the summer tour of the southern hemisphere, thus giving himself an extra fortnight to find 36 players with a full complement of serviceable limbs and sufficient reserves of energy to contemplate completing the most arduous domestic season in history with a thankless visit to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

At the last count, no fewer than 14 senior players were either definite non-starters or serious doubts. They included eight automatic first-choices -Lawrence Dallaglio, Jason Leonard. Martin Johnson. Richard Hill, Kyran Bracken, Paul Grayson, Jeremy Guscott and David Rees - plus Dorian West, Tim Rodher, Mike Catt, Phil de Glanville, Tony Underwood and Iain Balshaw among the squad members.

Not surprisingly, there are rumblings of discontent from south of the equator - box-office operatives in Brisbanc, Dunedin, Auckland and Cape Town have tickets to sell, hospitality packages to dispose of and broadcasters to appeare and Woodward is acutely aware of the potential for an English public relations disaster.

There has been a considerable amount of speculation concerning the availability of individuals for this tour and I can understand the concerns of the SANZA countries, who want to

ensure that England sends its strongest possible squad," he said yesterday. "This is a view I have always held, but I have CLIVE WOODWARD, the to emphasise that I will only pick players and management who are committed to going and are physically fit to do so."

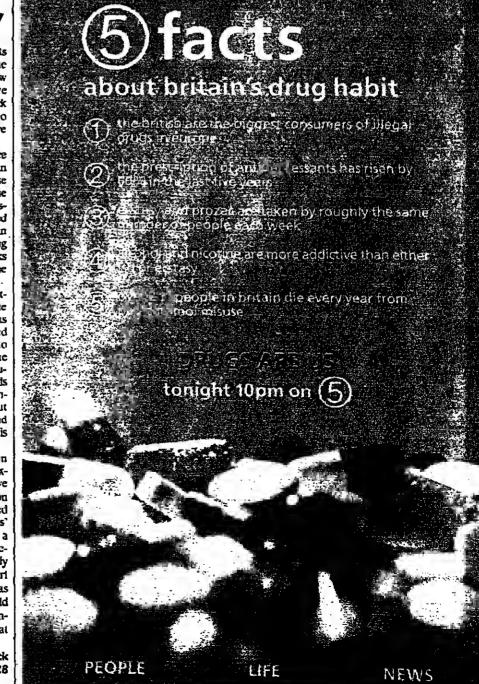
The management reference was clearly aimed at John Mitchell, the Sale coach whose contribution to England's cause this season has been inestimable. Mitchell has expressed concern at the prospect of an under-strength squad travelling south, raising question-marks over his own participation in the

Some leading Rugby Football Union officials fear that the southern hemisphere nations will retaliate to any perceived slight by sending weak sides to England in the autumn. The Australians have been particularly vehement in their demands that the Europeans field highcalibre, high-profile sides, but they have already seen Scotland name an unfamiliar party for this summer's two-Test series.

Meanwhile, Fran Cotton and Cliff Brittle yesterday explained their decision to shelve plans in fight a court action against what they call an Allied Dunbar Premiership clubs' "gagging writ". They said in a statement: "We are not prepared to undertake a costly defence without legal support from the RFU, which it has failed to give. Individuals should not be forced to protect International Board regulations at

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their own expense."



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